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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

SPEECH OF SENATOR ROOT AGAINST BORAH BILL

MEETS APPROVAL OF ALL THE PEOPLE

Mu-So-Lit Club Observes the Anniversaries of Lincoln and Douglass—Parents to Organize Home and School Association.

Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 16.—The great speech of Senator Elihu Root, of New York, last Saturday, in opposition to the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people, has turned the tide against the Borah bill, and there is every indication that the movement to change the method of choosing members of the upper house of Congress is gone a-glimmering. And all because of the omnipresent "race problem."

The Southern Senators and the "progressive" Republicans were practically unanimous for the direct election method until Senator Sutherland injected an innocent looking amendment, the effect of which was to give Congress the power of supervising the elections, displacing that portion of the Borah bill which provided that the States should have entire control of the elections. The Southern Senators saw at once that the Sutherland amendment placed in jeopardy their pet schemes of disfranchisement by "grandfather clauses" and other restrictive devices, and all at once, with a prospect of the passage of the amendment staring them in the face, the ardor of the South for popular election of Senators cooled to a point several degrees below zero. Whatever improvement the direct method might have over the present system vanished into thin air the moment there came a menace to the policies by which the white South has maintained its power. The speech of Senator Depew foreshadowed the "standpat" position of the Northern Senators of the "old school," and it remained only for Senator Root to "bait" the "progressives" with his masterly address of last Friday and force a show of hands and minds on the measure, plus the Sutherland amendment. Although there is nothing of the old "force bill" in the Sutherland clause, the South thinks it paves the way toward a dangerous authority for the Federal Government, and they are afraid it carries a charge of dynamite encased in a tinsel covering. They are afraid of it, and it is dollars to doughnuts that they will dodge the issue and allow the Senators to be chosen in the usual fashion. It does seem that no question can ever be decided on its intrinsic merits when there is injected into it the slightest flavor of the "race problem."

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Senator Root has been warmly congratulated by whites and blacks upon his stalwart defense of the powers of the Federal Government, and upon the rare courage displayed by a leading Republican in upholding the virile policies that made the party strong from its infancy. Many letters have come to the eminent New Yorker from Negroes all over the country, praising the stand he has taken, and requests by the scores have been made for the full text of his speech, that it may be studied carefully and preserved for future reference. One letter to the Senator said:

"If the Republican party is to maintain its hold upon the colored vote of the country, its leaders must stand up as you are doing for the old-fashioned principles of Lincoln and Grant, who fought for the integrity of the nation and for civil liberty of the purest kind. It must have the courage of its convictions, and place right above expediency in dealing with the people. The Negro has always stood up for his friends. He will continue to do so, but it must be made clear to him just who are his friends. Party names do not mean today what they meant twenty-five years ago, and the men who secure the suffrage of my race must prove by words and deeds that they are true to the ideals that moved patriots to battle for four long years in their defense, and that the fruits of that war, crystallized in the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, shall not be sold away for a mess of pottage."

From the speeches of Senators Root, Depew and Lodge on various phases of the senatorial question, and the stiff stand of President Taft for reciprocity with Canada and against the peonage infamy, it would seem that the campaign of 1912 is taking shape, and from now on there will doubtless be "music in the air."

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The visit of Dr. W. E. B. DuBois to the White House last week, in company with other distinguished gentlemen of both races, is still the subject of much speculation hereabouts. The immediate occasion for the visit, of course, was to call the attention of President Taft to the Universal Races Congress, which is to be held next July in London, but it is well known that other matters of pith and moment were discussed with a frankness that might be startling were the truth to be disclosed in all its bareness. It is one of the misfortunes of the reporter who sometimes gets on the inside that the best things he knows can not always be set up in cold type. Suffice it to say, the interview belongs in the category described as "satisfactory," and everybody parted in a happy frame of mind.

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It is asserted with confidence by those supposed to be in a position to know that the name of the Hon. J. C. Napier will go to the Senate within the fewest of days. The delay has been caused by circumstances which can not now be made public, but which in no way alter the final program. The people who are giving themselves the least concern over the matter are Messrs. Vernon and Napier. Each is going on in the even tenor of his way, attending to the business of the day, and arranging their plans in an orderly fashion for the future. The Tennessee leader is ready to come when called, and the Kansan is prepared to make his departure when his successor qualifies. It would be no surprise to those who have watched the trend of things if the going of the present Register simply means a transfer to "something equally as good." Dr. Vernon is a power on the stump, and his services will be needed next year when the Republican party is destined to have the fight of its life on its hands. The race will feel safer with both Mr. Napier and Dr. Vernon on the firing line, equipped in a style that will make them able to put forth their best efforts for the party and their people. The banqueters are holding themselves in readiness to eat in honor of Mr. Napier at the drop of the hat, both here and at home.

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MU-SO-LIT CLUB HONORS LINCOLN AND DOUGLASS.

The Mu-So-Lit Club observed the anniversaries of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass last Friday evening at their quarters in Martin's Northwest Cafe. One hundred representative men of the race were in attendance, and many eloquent tributes were paid to the greatness of the two factors that had the largest share in the emancipation of the Negro slaves. Dr. Arthur S. Gray presided, and made a pleasing impression, introducing a number of novel features, one of which was the inauguration of a policy of calling for impromptu speeches from members who had had small experience in speech-making, with a view of equipping them to do honor to the club when they should go abroad on a visit.

Prof. E. C. Williams, principal of the M Street High School, delivered a clean-cut analysis of the character of Lincoln, and Prof. J. Montgomery Gregory, of Howard University, gave a fervent presentation of the lessons the race could glean from the triumphant career of Frederick Douglass. Other addresses bearing upon the lives of Lincoln and Douglass and phases of the work they did for humanity were delivered by Hon. Charles A. Cottrill, of Ohio; Dr. Marcus F. Wheatland, of Newport, R. I.; Mr. James C. Waters, president of the Council of Classmen of Howard University, who were guests of the club; Judge Robert H. Terrell, Judge M. W. Gibbs, Dr. A. M. Curtis, former Recorder John C. Dancy, James A. Cobb, Dr. W. Bruce Evans, Lieut. T. H. R. Clarke, Register W. T. Vernon, G. C. Wilkinson, president of Bethel Literary; Robert A. Pelham, and others.

Musical selections were rendered by the Coleridge-Taylor String Quartet and the L'Allegro Glee Club. The rendition of the sextet from "Lucia di Lammermoor," by Mr. H. Leonard Jester, on the violoncello, deserves special mention. On motion of Register Vernon, the names of Mr. Cottrill and Dr. Wheatland were added to the honorary roll of the club. Steps will be taken shortly to establish a permanent home for the Mu-SoLit, with adequate appointments and in keeping with the caliber of the men composing it and the national reputation the organization has attained. The Mu-So-Lit Club's membership embraces the "pick" of the intellectual lights of the capital, and the roll is at present limited to seventy-five, but as the time approaches for expansion, the limit may be set at 100.

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PARENTS' MEETING AT NORMAL SCHOOL NO. 2.

A largely-attended "Parents' Meeting" was held Wednesday evening at Normal School No. 2, in the Sumner School Building, 17th and M streets Nothwest. Rev. J. Milton Waldron, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an earnest address, commending the work of the public schools of the District, and pointed out where he thought certain improvements might be made in methods of teaching and in administrative policies. He relinquished the chair to Dr. C. W. Childs, who throughout the evening made things lively by his spirited talks on school management and kindred topics. Rev. Zed H. Copp, a probation officer and minister for the masses, in discussing "Public Morality," made a strong plea for an endorsement of the pending "curfew law," and secured the adoption of a resolution asking that the regulation be enacted into law by the District authorities as a proper protection to children whose parents are either unable or unwilling to keep them under restraint at the danger hours of the night.

The comprehensive report submitted by Dr. Lucy E. Moten, who has been in charge of the normal school work of the District for an even twenty-five years, showed that in this period marvelous advancement had been made in educational methods, and that the nearly 1,000 students and graduates who had gone out from the institution, practically all had achieved success. The majority had clung to teaching as a life work and were to be found in the best schools in all parts of the country. Dr. Moten's report and suggestions to the young women in her charge, touching matters of deportment and dress, were warmly applauded. All the speakers referred in laudatory terms to the results she had been able to bring about in her quarter of a century of constructive effort.

Supplementary speeches were made by Former Register Judson W. Lyons, who said the Washington school system was the finest in all the land; and by L. M. Hershaw, C. M. Thomas, Mrs. J. H. Meriwether, Rev. D. E. Wiseman, of the Church of Our Redeemer; R. W. Thompson and others.

To perpetuate the spirit of the parents' meeting and to promote a systematic cooperation on the part of the teachers, parents and students, it was decided to organize at once a "School and Home Association," to meet at stated intervals. Dr. C. W. Childs was elected president of the organization; Dr. G. T. Sewell, vice-president, and R. W. Thompson, secretary, with instructions to complete the plan of organization and to arrange for future sessions.

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TRUSTEES OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY MEET.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Howard University was held in Carnegie Library last Friday. Judge Job Barnard, of the District Supreme Court, presided. The report of President W. P. Thirkeld showed the institution to be in a most favorable condition. The attendance—upwards of 1,300—surpasses that of any previous year, and the entering college class numbered 167. There are more than 600 students receiving regular instruction in physics, chemistry and biology in the new Science Hall, four professors and three regular instructors giving their entire time to the work of science instruction, besides seven student assistants. The faculty and students are giving President Thirkield the most loyal support, and at no time in the long history of the University has Howard exhibited a heartier spirit of mutual uplift than now.

Rev. Pezavia O'Connell, of Salisbury, Md., was unanimously elected to the chair of church history and Scripture exegesis, made vacant by the death of Dr. John L. Ewell, who for twenty years held that chair. It is announced that Dr. Ewell had left a bequest of $1,000 for the School of Theology. The position of lecturer on real property, made vacant by the death of Prof. T. P. Woodward, was not filled. Dean Leighton, of the law department, will take care of the work for the remainder of the term. The report of the treasurer showed the institution to be out of debt, but only by the exercise of the most rigid economy can a deficit be prevented, owing to the increased demands of the enlarged enrollment.

In response to the call of the rapidly developing Y. M. C. A. work throughout the North and South, arrangements will be made to install a course designed to train Y. M. C. A. secretaries and Christian workers in the field, utilizing the present teaching force of the theological department and the helpful aid of the Central Y. M. C. A. of Washington and the two colored international secretaries, Drs. J. E. Moorland and W. A. Hunton. A library school, for training librarians, will also be established in connection with the Carnegie Library. The School of Manual Arts and Applied Sciences will be prepared for enlarged courses in electrical, civil and mechanical engineering, for which a strong demand has come from many sources.

It will thus be seen that the "forward movement" at Howard has taken hold with a will, and the outlook for a school for the higher education of the race equal to Harvard or Yale is exceedingly bright.

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BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REJOICING.

Leaders of the National Baptist Association are rejoicing with Secretary L. G. Jordan ovevr the results of the collections sent in from the "Fifth Sunday Rally" by a large number of churches. Dr. Jordan reports that money has been sent forward for the relieving and home-coming of Rev. D. E. Murff, and that a number of their pressing needs have been satisfied.

Rev. Jeremiah N. Menze, who has been in school in this country for ten years, and graduated as "A. B." last year, will sail for Africa, his native home, on or about the 8th of March, on the White Star Steamship Line, to aid Rev. James E. East in the work of the National Convention in Middledrift, South Africa. Dr. Jordan is being roundly congratulated upon the earnestness he always throws into this labor for the redemption of the "Dark Continent."

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DR. SHEPARD SCORES A SUCCESS IN THE NORTH.

Dr. James E. Shepard scored a big success for his National Religious Training School during the recent speaking tour of the North, in which former Governor R. B. Glenn and Judge J. C. Pritchard were the principal speakers. Particular stress is laid upon the magnificent meeting at the "Twentieth Century Club," in Boston, which Governor Glenn addressed, and received the warmest evidences of approval, and the two meetings at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, at which Judge Pritchard spoke to the Minerva Club and the famous Press Club. Dr. Shepard, accompanied by his brother, Dr. Charles H. Shepard, spent Sunday in the city, and received a host of Washington friends at their headquarters, 1203 T Street, N. W. Dr. Shepard invites attention anew to the Summer School and Chautauqua, which opens at the National Training School at Durham, N. C., July 5, and closes August 13. The list of lecturers for the season includes some of the best-posted scholars in the land. Several new buildings will go up during the coming summer.

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WOMEN'S JUBILEE MEETING.

Undoubtedly the greatest and most effective interdenominational missionary meeting ever held by women in this city was the Jubilee Meeting of last Thursday evening, commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of organized work among Christian women—1861-1911. The meeting was held in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, and that spacious auditorium was crowded to the doors. The speakers included Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, author of "Western Women in Eastern Lands"; Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, of Boston; Miss Jennie V. Hughes, of China; Dr. William Wanless, of Miriaj, India; Miss Suman, who spent ten years on the Congo, and our own Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, the president of the National Training School for Girls, in Washington. The chairman of the general committee was Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, while Miss Burroughs was at the head of the committee in charge of the meeting. This committee also embraced Mesdames S. N. Brown, J. M. Waldron, J. M. Layton, R. E. Lawson, Eugene Brooks, H. C. Tyson, I. N. Ross, D. E. Wiseman, M. A. Francis, J. W. Ewing, L. H. Neill, and Misses S. J. Janifer and Lucy Throckmorton.

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Major Arthur Brooks, drillmaster of the High School Cadets, has withdrawn his resignation, at the request of the substantial citizens of the District, and will continue to act as such.

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The colored students of the Howard Medical School will not consent to hear the lectures on mental disorders provided for them by the authorities at the Government Hospital for the Insane, as a solution of the problem of separate lectures, after the whites of the Georgetown and George Washington Universities had "cut" their classes because of the presence of the Negroes. Therefore, the Howard University young men, standing on their dignity, will do without the knowledge of mental disorders served by people whose mental apparatus is so disordered that no benefit of any practical character would have been derived from the "Jim Crow" lectures.

A FLIMSY FOUNDATION.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Edith Early has returned to Hannibal, Mo., after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends. While in our city she was royally entertained by Mrs. Joseph Wheeler and Mrs. Ollie Brown....An excellent lunch was served recently in honor of Miss Edith Early at the home of Mrs. Mary Clark....Mrs. John Williams continues poorly....There will be baptizing at the Second Baptist Church, February 19. ....The vaudeville concert given recently by David Harris was fairly well attended. ....The moving picture exhibit given recently at the A. M. E. Church was largely attended and a good success....Mr. McCalister, of Marion street, is quite ill at this writing, also Mrs. Mary Johnson and Mrs. Charles Smith....The funeral services of Frances Evaline Russell were held recently at the residence on West Lafayette avenue. Rev. J. H. Harvey officiated. Interment was in the East Cemetery....Mr. Thomas Robinson is able to be about after a serious illness. Mrs. Lida Tinsley is also improving from her illness. ....Mrs. Andrew Majors and mother-in-law are still very ill; also Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Timberlake....Mrs. Daniel Tinsley, who has been very ill, is some better at this writing....Miss Clara Davis is again at her work, after a serious illness. ....Thomas Allen had a very successful sale recently. Everything he sold brought good prices....The little child of Mrs. Samuel Mitcherson is some better at this writing.

SHERMAN (TEX.) NEWS.

Sherman has another physician now, making three physicians. The name of the new physician is Dr. Wm. F. Tyler, of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Chicago, Ill., class of '09, also druggist of the Lakeside Hospital, practicing one and a half years in Chicago. Dr. Tyler is a young man and single, so watch out, young ladies....Prof. A. J. Sykes, one of our leading and progressive young men, was elected on the 3d inst., by the City School Board, as first assistant, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Josie Southern. Prof. Sykes is affable and known for his gentlemanly traits of character.

YAZOO CITY, MISS.

Mr. Thomas, the merchant tailor and presser, is doing a fine business on Water street. He has a partner from Memphis, Tenn., who thoroughly understands his business....Mr. Tom E. Parker has returned after five years' absence, owing to the illness of his father. Everybody was glad to shake Tom's hand.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

LETTERS OF PREACHER CAUSE BIG STIR

NEGRO PRINCIPALS ARE AROUSED

Received Letters from the Rev. John H. Frank—Censures the Teachers for Neglecting the Church—Social Notes.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Many principals of the colored public schools are said to have been greatly exercised lately on account of letters they have received from the Rev. John H. Frank, pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist Church. In one of the letters the Rev. Frank stated: "I have been invited to a conference with the new Board of Education (not all), and I hope to make an impression." He added:

"This is the second time I have taken the liberty to write to you unsolicited, and it may be that I am considered presumptuous in doing so. But you are a member of the church I have pastored, though only your name is there; you do not come, nor do you support her work; not even do you send in an anniversary donation. I have decided that people who show no real interest in the race—well, I shall not finish that sentence.

"I think it well, because of your family and other reasons, to write you what I have heard."

The Rev. Frank admitted to a Courier-Journal reporter that he had written the letter, as well as other letters to principals, asking questions regarding school matters. He said that the inference could not be drawn that he would use his influence against teachers who did not contribute to his church. In answer to a direct question he hesitated, and finally admitted that he had not conferred with any of the members of the board, but added that that did not mean he had not conferred with prominent and influential Negro leaders on school matters.

Dr. I. N. Bloom, president of the Board of Education, said last night:

"Speaking for myself, and I believe for other members of the board, nobody has been asked to a conference. I would not recognize the Rev. Frank. A great many people, both white and colored, have called upon me regarding school matters and he may have been one of them, but I don't know him. We have not discharged, nor have we considered discharging, any teacher or principal in either the white or colored schools. Recommendations for discharges must come from the superintendent. I am satisfied the colored preacher has no authority from any member of the Board of Education, and his letters which I have seen are unwarranted, uncalled for, and a piece of impudence and assumption."

Superintendent E. O. Holland said: "No teacher nor principal has been discharged, nor have I recommended the discharge of any. I do not remember ever having met the Rev. Frank."

The Board of Education has evidently made a grave and great mistake in listening to the chirpings of the scandal-mongers, between whose putrid lips are the names of some of the best teachers in the city. The foregoing article shows that they have repudiated the connection and the authority of one of their Negro advisers, and yet the public knows that others on the same committee are equally incapable of passing on the qualifications of a teacher. The whole thing will result in the demoralization of the public school system, and Professor Holland will leave this city the most despised and hated man that ever entered its portals, if he listens to what is being told him. He is a man of high ideals and means to do the right thing, but he is badly informed. The Negroes who are invited to confer with the Board of Education are peculiarly unfitted to give them any information of any value as to the character or efficiency of any teacher. The first one has been, by his own confession, convicted of grafting, and what can we say of the intentions of the others? Let us all hope that the commission will give every teacher accused of unfitness for service an opportunity to have his day in court. Professor Holland has demanded the resignation of one teacher because he said that he did not believe that Jesus Christ was the Son of God in any other way than other men are the sons of God. The president of the board is a Jew, and therefore of the same opinion, and yet the colored advisory committee want the teacher displaced for having the opinion of his superiors. The new commission is losing public confidence by taking cognizance of anonymous communications which go to the character of various teachers. One letter against a male teacher asserts that he was guilty of stealing watermelons twenty years ago. No teacher feels safe, however high his qualifications, if he happens to be in the wrong church or the wrong pew, or who does not go to any church. Professor Holland is a high-toned man, but is in a very precarious situation, being touted by the most ignorant men in the city, so far as educational matters are concerned. We hope that matters may be so adjusted that no teacher, however humble, may be dismissed on mere rumor, and that the board will insist that every one be allowed to confront the witnesses against him or her.

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Mr. Thomas Thomas, of West Baden, is the guest of Pete Walker.

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Miss Madeline Anderson, of the Portland school, has been transferred to the Maiden Lane school, and Miss Scottie Strickland takes her place.

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The Parent-Teachers' Association of the Shelby street school will hold a meeting this week.

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Miss Bessie Jones, of Danville, Ky., and Mr. Young were married in that city on the 10th inst.

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The Kenmore Club will give a grand dance at the Armory, on Seventh street, on the 28th, under the management of B. R. Neal, Aaron Davis and Dan Davis.

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Miss Ida Jackson has requested and been granted a leave of absence from her school duties, to try to recover her health.

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Dr. W. H. Ballard, of Lexington, was in the city last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McAfee.

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Mr. Walter Tate has just returned from a visit in eastern Kentucky.

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Mr. Miles Harris, formerly of this city, now trap drummer at the Grand Theater in Chicago, was in the city last week to bury his wife.

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Goodloe is making good high at the Houston, and don't you forget it.

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Mrs. Carrie Dyson, nee Robinson, of Hamilton, O., was buried in this city Sunday.

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Mr. George Wilhoite, of Indianapolis, was buried here last week.

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Comrade Wm. Anderson, civil war veteran, has been down with la grippe, but is improving.

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The Rev. D. A. Gaddie, a great man in Israel, is on the sick list.

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Mr. Ambrose Williams and Arnie Mason are connected with Walker's Cafe, at Tenth and Walnut streets.

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Miss Nannie Buckner was brought here from West Baden, very ill.

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Mr. Albert Hathaway is repairing his home, at Seventeenth and Chestnut streets.

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Mrs. Anna Brown, mother of Joseph Carter, lately deceased, desires to express her thanks to her son's friends for the beautiful floral designs and for many acts of personal kindness.

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

In the annual report of the Health Department for the past year it is shown that the number of births far exceeds the number of deaths for the entire population of this city. It also shows that the Negroes have had more deaths than births, and it looks as if 1911 is going to outdo 1910....Miss Hellen Anderson, who was sick for only three days, died Monday of last week. She contracted a bad cold during the holidays, and, although she seemed to be in good health up to within three days of her death, she never got over the cold. Miss Anderson was to have been married this coming summer. She leaves her father and mother, a sweetheart and a host of friends to mourn her death....On the Wednesday following Miss Anderson's death Mrs. Hopkins passed away. She, too, was stricken with a bad cold during the holidays. Mrs. Hopkins is survived by her husband, three sons and a married daughter. These two deaths, coming so close to each other, and so unexpectedly, were quite a shock to all the Negro population in general.....Mr. Hayman, who has been sick at the hospital, is up and about his shop again...Miss Mary Black has been on the sick list this week....Rev. Carter was in town last week on a visit.....On looking over the colored newspapers, I find that in Chicago the Negroes have raised $67,000 more than was required of them toward the funds for a Colored Y. M. C. A. building. Why can't St. Paul do as good, or does St. Paul want a Colored Y. M. C. A.? While the Negroes are not barred from all departments of the white Y. M. C. A., they are shut out from the most important departments. Then why don't we get up and make or stand for all our rights, or else build a Y. M. C. A. of our 19, at 3:30 p. m., the Boys' Culture Club will hold its sixtxh anniversary at Pilgrim Baptist Church, corner of Cedar Street and Summit Avenue. All are invited to attend. A special invitation is extended to the men of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Mrs. May Williams, who was formerly the correspondent for the Freeman in St. Paul, has gone to California to make it her home....It shows in the State's census that the population of the colored farmers of the State of Minnesota has fallen off over 40 per cent. in the last ten years. This goes to prove that the outlook for the negro farmer in this State is very poor.....If you want the Freeman to come regularly to your house, pay regularly. Send all news items to Henry Crawford, 525 Rondo Street, on or before Monday morning of each week, or telephone the mto him after 7 p. m. Telephone, Dare 1052.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Prof. B. F. McWilliams will speak on the subject, "The Great Need of Education," at the entertainment given by the Y. M. F. L., at Ebenezer Baptist Church, February 20....Last Sunday, at 3 p. m., the I. B. P. O. E. of W. held their sixth annual exercises, at the Old Emanuel A. M. E. Church. The program was good. ....Dr. J. M. Armstead preached a strong sermon to his congregation last Sunday morning, at the 11 o'clock services, from his continued subject, "Jehosaphat's Relation to the Father"....Rev. C. C. Summerville, D. D., gave his congregation a most forcible sermon Sunday morning.... Dr. Spiller, of Hampton, Va., was at the Ebenezer Church last Sunday night, and preached a most powerful sermon.... Persons desiring The Freeman can secure copies from W. A. Brinkley's agency, or 802 South street and 813 County street. ....Sir Geo. Douglass, of County street, remains on the sick list.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

The High School Baseball Club is prepared to play some interesting games this season....Little Jamie L. Penn died on February 11....We are now having some good rains, and our farmers are more than pleased....In this little city the colored people have four grocery stores, one meat market, two cafes, eight churches, one pool hall, one shoemaker, one doctor, one wood yard, two extra nice halls owned by lodges, one blacksmith shop and three barber shops. There are fine accommodations for rooming houses, and, in fact, most anything can be found among our colored people. The best of all is the greater fact of them owning their own homes....Prof. B. Ferris's home talent comedy company will appear Friday, the 17th, at K. of P. Hall.... Read The Freeman and keep posted.

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She spent thirty years in the jungles of Africa and has traveled through 34 States doing good wherever she went. Read St. John, 9th chapter, 33rd verse, "If this man is not of God, he could do nothing."

"I for one, as one in the midst. My heart ached from the cruel treatment of my husband and the way he would throw away his time and money, until I consulted this wonderful lady. It will soon be a year. Through her he has been a loving husband, and today he presents me with a lovely lot on which he will build a home. Tongue can't praise her too highly."

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For men oppress'd in every land by naught
But greed of men of ill-earned means, who carp
The Golden Rule, who strive so hard to warp
God's Truth therein contained. Yea, they are bought;
They sold themselves to Satan; and thus caught
They victimize themselves to mis'ry sharp!

O sing, thou potent man of able pen,
Another song of Him, the Light of Men,
The sun of righteousness, to soon appear
To give them waiting, working, full reward.
And may thy soul be ever on its guard
To help enjoy the Holy Reign so near.

CURRENT THOUGHT.

A Negro Congressman has been proposed by some precocious Chicagoans who think to see thatcommunity ripe for the effort. Here is the way it is put:

"Now Chicago offers a splendid opportunity. Her elections are always uncertain, and here negros have possibly the greatest political representation. New York Ohio and Pennsylvania offer possibilities for a Negro Congressman."

It has been ten years since the Hon. George H. White adored a seat in that distinguished body. He has been likened unto that Moor Boabdil el Chico who furnish Washinton Irving for his most beautiful opportunity—"The last sigh of the Moor" when he saw all he was and had expected to be, swept from him by one fell swoop of misfortune's hand.

Can the Negro Congressman Come back? Maybe he can, maybe he can't. But if Jeffries and El Chico are the indices the prospects are gloomy enough.

Sure enough he must hurry if he does come back, or else that other thing as good and sometimes betterthan law will seal his doom. If he comes, or when he comes he will have no special duties. He would simply keep live the "franchise,"though occupation which would otherwise default through nonuse, setting up custom which will be very hard to disturb. His reappearance, however, is in no way assuring.

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The government of Hayti and San Domingo, the two negro Republics of our South Seas seemingly have amicably adjusted their differences. Practically they have submitted the questions for abritation to this country thus carrying out a small way what the greater countries have in mind when installing the Hague Tribunal. The little countries have done the eminently proper thing; they couldn't afford to fly at their mutual throats, since they need every dollar and every man. The Carnegie spirit seems to be spreading, proving that the wave in motion creates a far off and unexpected commotion answering unto the unexpected. The millions saved, not to speak of the lives of men even in the one instances, plead the continued agitation for Peace Tribunals and International Courts of Adjustment.

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W. D. Johnson of Kentucky rises to say that he is for Senator W. O. Bradley of that state for vice-president for 1912. Mr. Johnson, hailing from Kentucky, and peradventure obligated to the Senator, finds it to his interest to say a word way in advance for him. Mr. Johnson, while proclaiming for his more immediate "benefactor" in the preamble devotes most of his text to President Taft, saying many complimentary things all of which show that he is on to his job of steering for his party and not a little for Johnson. He says some excellent things, nevertheless, among which is the following:

"The battle is just ahead. Strategic plans are being mapped out and candidates for 1912 are being weighed in the search for availibility in merit, ability, party loyalty, service, personality and geographic fitness. Geographic fitness is moving westward. It takes no prophetic utterance to say that William Howard Taft of Ohio from every viewpoint, with large ability, great judicial stature, the keen insight and innate sagacity of the statesman, will be the unanimous choice of the Republican party to succeed himself, not alone because of his exalted qualities and peculiar personal fitness, but also on account of the unwritten party custom of a presidential service of two terms."

After a pleasing little reference to the Senator's early life, schooling, etc., Mr. Johnson concludes as follows:

"He was elected county attorney of Gerrad county in 1870, unanimously elected delegate at large to six Republican national conventions, seconding the nomination of General Grant in 1880 and defeating the motion to curtail southern representation in 1884. He was three times elected a member of the national Republican committee and received 105 votes for vice-president in the convention of 1888. In 1889 he was appointed minister to Korea and declined. He was indorsed for president by the Kentucky state convention in 1896 and was elected United States senator in 1908."

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The J. C. Napier appointment has not come off yet, at least by indorsement in the Senate. And does "thereby hang a tale?" Mr. Napier is thought to be a very nice man and while there seems to be some anti-sentiment, he yet seems a nice man for all that.

From Ctattanooga comes a rather insidious paragraph seen in the Advocate of Charleston, W. Va.:

"The honors heaped upon J. C. Napier by Booker Washington and the fact that he is able to keep "the wolf" from his door whether he has the good will of the majority of his people or not seems to have dwarfed his conscience when the welfare of the humble and poorer brother is in question. This is the general conclusion of many who have expressed themselves recently about "The Stalwart One" waiting for his "farewell banquet" in Nashville and expecting "the glad hand" when he goes marching home to Washington to take Vernon's job."

It would be a shame to see the appointment balk, and yet it has balked, but whether permanently remains to be seen. Mr. Napier is fine and sensitive. Great respect obtains for him throughout the country. It has been generally thought that the appointment was eminently fitting since he was both useful and an adornment to his race.

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"No Pindar yet" with its more or less comic opera effect was noted in champion Johnson's New York escapade when he smashed one Pindar. The court called long, loud, lustily for Pindar to put in appearance against the one and only—but no Pindar yet Who says there's nothing in a name? Suppose the name had been Brown or Smith or Taylor? How unpoetical!

According to R. W. Thompson the distinguished newsgatherer and distributer at Washington, D. C., nothing new has developed in the W. H. Lewis appointment. Matters have greatly simplified they say, in the recent past, regarding the doing of high society in Washington. It was held that the possibility of Mr. Lewis's intrusion had something to do with checking the enthusiam over the appointment in certain quarters. This simplification would eliminate the possibility due to the revision of social assets and liabilities—but no Pindar yet! The mean part of it all is that Mr. Lewis has had no opportunity to say whether he cared for those social functions, and simply because nobody had asked him. In the meanwhile Mr. Lewis is grinding out the law in Boston.

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The move on the part of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Business League at its midwinter session in Tuskegee, not long since, was most startling. The status of the proposed national exposition in commemoration of the abolishment of slavery was thought to have been known. True enough, the bills looking forward to the end were defeated in Congress. Much significance, however, was not attached, most persons viewing the defeat temporary, thinking that when Congress met again matters would be righted.

According to Mr. Washington the time would be too short even in the event of the hoped-for support. The other members of the board saw it that way, concurring with Mr. Washington's view. The consequentce was that the exposition movement was declared off. In its stead the board advised that the first week in October be set aside for appropriately manifesting appreciation for the blessings to the race incident to liberation.

It seems to be left to the people of the various communities as to what manner of celebration they will have. At least that seems the program so far.

Some opposite views have been expressed, but it looks as if the decision of the committee is to prevail. The committee is as follows: J. C. Napier, chairman, Nashville; J. E. Bush, Little Rock, Ark.; S. E. Courtney, M. D., Boston; S. A. Furniss, M. D., Indianapolis; W. L. Taylor, Richmond, Va.; F. D. Patterson, Greenfield, O.; J. B. Bell, Houston, Tex.; J. C. Thomas, New York City; J. C. Jackson, Lexington, Ky.; M. M. Lewey, Pensacola, Fla.; Robert C. Owens, Los Angeles, Cal.; R. E. Jones, New Orleans, La.

Ex-Officio: Booker T. Washington, president, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Chas. Banks, first vice president, Mound Bayou, Miss.; Emmett J. Scott, corresponding secretary, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Gilbert C. Harris, treasurer, Boston, Mass.

The committee has large power, as it will be seen, but happily so. Some are inclined to resent the position assumed by the committee in that it thinks that it is able to declare in the name of the race what should or should not be done. Others view the matter in a totally different light, seeing in the committee a very useful institution, which if of large power, exercises it most discreetly and after all that is the government people want —the kind when they are governed in the very best way. Knowing this, microscopes are not in order.

NEWS OF RACE INTEREST.

The Mechanics' Savings Bank of Richmnod, Virginia, has, under the able managment of its president, John Mitchell, Jr., become one of the strongest financial institutions controlled by Negroes. The bank belongs to the American Bankers Association. Its correspondents are the National Park Ban of New York, with ninety million dollars of deposits and the National Bank of Richmond with four million dollars of deposits. Within three months the gross resources of the Mechanics'Bank increased over twenty-five thousand dollars and the deposits increased over twenty thousand dollars. On September 1, 1910, the deposits amouted to $153,056.19. On November 10, 1910, the deposits amounted to $173, 868, 33. On September 1, 1910, the resources were $188,826.19. On November 10, 1910, the resources were $214, 085.26.

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Five weathy Southern lumbermen left a leading hotel of Atlanta, Ga. recently in a large touring car and went to the United States Penetentiary, where they began to serve sentences for peonage. They are W. S. Harlan of Lockhart Ala., Robert Gallagher, Dr. W. E. Grace, C. C. Hilton, and E. S. Huggis, Harlan and Gallagher will each serve eighteen months and pay a fines of $5,000. The three others will serve thirteen months and pay fines of $1,000. W. S. Harlan is a nephew of Justice Harlan of the United States Supreme Court.

These cases were the first to originate in the South and the prosecution was pushed. The men were convicted in the United States Court at Pensacola Fla.. The matter was twice taken before President Taft in the hope that he would grant clemency, but he refused to interfere.

When the lumbermen realized they would have to go to prison, they asked United States Marshall McGowin of Pensacola to permit them to come unattended to Atlanta to escape the humiliation of being taken from their homes by officers. They met the officer at the Piedmont Hotel to-day and accompanied him to the penitentiary located here. The five men last night gave a farewell banquet to some Atlanta friends.

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A fitting sequel to the notable decision rendered in the United States Circuit Court at Batimore, Md. by Judge Thomas J. Morris some weeks ago, when he declared the "Grandfather" clause in the Annapolis law was invalid because it was contrary to the Fifteenth amendment in that it is discriminating to the Negroe, came in the same court last friday, when the same Judge decided that Attorney W. H. Howard, Robert Brown and John B. Anderson, three colored residents of the capitol city of the State, were entitled to $250 damages from the two democratic registrtion officials who denied them the right to regiter under the law, thus depriving them of the right to vote.

In announcing his decision, Judge Morris, said that while each of the plaintiffs asked for $5,000 damages, and that he did not want to minimize the grievous wrong done the men in being denied the right to vote, he took in consideration the fact that the registers had acted under a law which he declared to be unconstitutional, October 28th last.

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Report has it that twelve men and three women were recently beaten and otherwise mistreated in Chicago because they had moved into a section of the city where colored people had not formerly lived.

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Former Recorder of Deeds John C. Dancy has accepted the presidency of the Lincoln Memorial Building Company, a corporation organized a year and half ago in this city, with the primary object of erecting a theatre for colored patrons.

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New York promises to stand with Illinois in the matter of Negro Militia. A colored regiment in the state National Guard has been promised by Governor John A. Dix. The request was made by the colored leader Robert N. Wood, as he said to the Governor during the course of the conference in the executive chamber of the State Capitol, pursuant to the promise made by the colored democracy during the last campaign, that if the colored citizens would do their part in helping elect the democratic ticket, the Governor would grant them there long sought for representation in the National Guards.

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The colored Knights of Pythians of Tennessee lost in their suit for maintaining name and the privilige of regailia badges of the order, the case will be carried to the Supreme Court.

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Pennsylvania is having its first experiment with a negro in the legislature.

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The government of Santo Domingo has accepted the offer of meditation by the United States for adjusting its boundary, about which the country had its recent difference with Hayti. All hostilities seem to have ceased.

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KANSAS CITY, Kans.—Our Choral Society, which has filled many engagements in the white churches of both the Kansas Cities, sang at the Central Avenue Methodist Church last Friday night. The occasion was the first engagement of the music department since Christmas, 1910, and the chorus was well developed and eager to make the very excellent showing which they did. The Glee Club probably entertained the audience best from the standpoint of laughable amusement. Especially good was their rendition of "Dixie," for which they were encored repeatedly. Mr. Brooks, basso, brought an encore for the boys with his "You Are the Idol of My Heart." "The Warrior Bold" was another favorite selection. The full chorus rendered "Estudiantiana," "What from Vengeance" (sextette leading), and "Quonian et Solus." They sang not only such classical pieces, but also a few plantation songs, "Heaven," "I'll Die in the Field," and others. The music department is appearing before white audiences as well as the audiences of the various colored churches, and does much to preserve, in this section of the country at least, all the old songs sung by the slaves on the large and small plantations in the South of fifty years ago.

Miss Effie Grant received an encore on "Villanelle," and when Mr. A. G. Pearson, a native of Scotland, arose to speak for the Y. M. C. A. of the State of Kansas, he said that the encore, "Coming through the Rye," as sung by Miss Grant, was the best rendition he had ever listened to given by an American, as he claimed to have traveled extensively through the U. S. and to have heard the song many times. This was a bouquet of some size. The "Medley of National Airs" closed the evening's entertainment, with all standing and singing "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." The Choral Society will soon sing before the legislature of Kansas, and have been asked to sing at two other prominent white churches. Dr. H. T. Kealing, president of this institution, spoke during the second part of the program and just before its close. Dr. Kealing has a pet prescription for "curing" the color problem, and proceeded in an eloquent way to administer the same. It had the desired effect.

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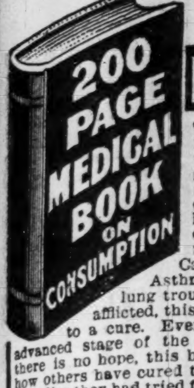

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As a practitioner of medicine the dogmatic prestige of his presence in the two thousand cities of America has forced the white doctors out of their slumbering drowse, and caused them to take post-graduate courses for self protection. Frequently the leading surgeon of a city is a man of Negro blood.

The field of medicine is an inviting one. It is a beautiful science. It can be demonstrated, and its mathematical solutions bristle with the insuation of the keenest intellect, when it is remembered that the exact dosage of many of the elements of thereapeutics is compulsory, or else the undertaker may have to make the next call. Reasoning from whatever point of view you wish, the fact is not to be juggled only by the very sober. This art of relieving the sick and curing disease is possibly more far-reaching than any of the learned professions, for by it more people are benefitted than by either law or theology.

The Negro in medicine is one of the strongest arguments against drudgery and meniality, either of which is slavery in some form. It gives the Negro his freedom in many respects, which he could not claim were he an artisan, engineer or mechanic, not to say common laborer, while it must not be overlooked that it is to the common laborer that he can point with pride, for from him is the chief source of his support.

The uppish Negro whose brains are cracking open with the spirit and the learning of the "talented tenth," as Dr. Washington calls them, are too busy fighting the white race with one hand and giving him their hard-earned dollars with the other, to think for a moment of patronizing the Negro physicians.. Next to the common laborer is the farmer, then the mechanic, and lastly the teachers and preachers, who are not considered very highly educated. It appears that the higher the Negro ascends in the scale of learning the more unfit he becomes in matters of race patronage.

This is all wrong. Race ideals must not languish. We must return to the noble principles of self help, wherein are found the lessons emphasized by the white civilization. The Negro physician in spite of the opposition found in his race, is making rapid progress wherever he hangs out his shingle, and pays strict attention to his practice. As evidence of his progress take note of the hospitals and sanitariums throughout the land, where he is performing all kinds of surgical operations successfully, co-working with the Negro trained nurses who have multiplied in later years to meet the long felt emergencies.

It is true some people operated on die; well, the chances were against them, which necessitated the operation, in too many cases long delayed. As evidence that white people do not all get well under the care of the White physician, note the large cemeteries everywhere, wherein they bury only white people.

The mission of the Negro doctor does not end in the mere discharge of his duty at the bedside, or in the operating room. His obligation to his race is manifold. He is to teach them correct sanitary habits, instruct them in dietetics, and lend his influence in having enacted statutory laws that redound to the betterment of the whole people. Nor here should it end; he must help the minister, the teacher and those who employ him to arrive at the fundamental truths appertaining to good health and a sound mind in a healthy body.

Occupying a position of prominence he is naturally regarded as an authority on many things. He is to be an example of decency and culture before the youths who regard him as a representative of a learned profession. The Negro doctor has become a fact, who is so base or ignorant that he may parley with the fact of his having arrived?

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The Negro newspaper has become in later years one of the strongest forces of racial progress. For in it the Negro may see himself as in a looking glass. People look in mirrors to see how well they look. It is an evidence of race culture that they linger at the looking glass. It is one of the staunchest evidences of our progress that we read our newspapers every week to see ourselves, our progress in all lines, and to know what we are doing here and there. Optimism is born of hope, pessimism is the unripened fruit of despair. That the Negro is hopeful, and has a healthy conception of a bright oncoming future is obvious. It is conceded that more than a million of Negroes are reading each week newspapers and magazines published by members of the race. Thus it can be seen that new ideas are taking firm and deep hold on us, that will count very forcibly in the not distant future.

The Negro newspaper is publishing a greater variety of news than a few years ago. Every shade of opinion concerning all public questions is being volubly aired, and the reading public among Negroes is assuming broader interpretation as education among us is extended. The Negro editor has something to say in his editorials worth reading, and like the preacher, he has a message of serious import, which sparkles with erudition.

Let us as a race take renewed interest in everything we are doing which reflects credit upon us, and give abler assistance to Negro journalism everywhere. We are making successes now for those who are to come after us, and what we do now will give a strnger incentive to our youth who succeed us.

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The Negro should stop whining. Somebody is always opposing, hindering and obstructing somebody else. White people are building spite walls against white neighbors, white people are bringing suits for damages against white corporations, and individuals, and perpetrating a thousand and one other things against each other, and if by ill luck some Negro should stump his toe, or butt his head in this great maelstrom of progress, the first thing he hollers "race prejudice!" It's no such thing. The Negro is too self conscious; he gets an occasional shakeup because he is in the line of progress. If he were making no effort to struggle out of his insecure condition, he would never get hurt. Let us stop crying like babies, and take our medicine which the best civilization on earth prescribes.

Of course, it frequently happens that the Negro has to meet opposition merely because he is colored, but it is not always so. The white man gets ten knocks to the Negroes one from the white man because of the white man's persistency to stay in the line of progress where struggle and opposition have to be met and overcome. It is the battleground of stalwart, earnest endeavor. Some of us, and especially those of us who know too much for our self interest, and not enough to help the world, will organize little bodies of quasi-pseudo, semi-anarchistic committees for the purpose of destroying the best feeling of distinguished people throughout the world toward the prosperous Negroes of the race. Is this element of educated tramps who print pamphlets or publish magazines in which they claim the right to exploit their unholy propaganda, the Negro Business League with its well-ordered governing body, and its multiplicity of banks, looks like a laughing farce. These whining Negroes patronize only the white merchant, physician, lawyer, tailor, druggist, etc. Their claim is they can get better bargains from white people, and yet they are damning everybody for the misfortunes they suffer, when they are the very fools who bring their ruin.

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It is not to be expected that every Negro born will develop into stalwart manhood. The fact is, only a few in ten thousand will ever be known beyond their immediate neighborhood for effecting good in the world. Whenever you see a lazy limber jack of a Negro, gaping and stretching, grinning and cutting didoes for the delight of the cheap thinking white men, who find security in the non-attractive Negro, look around for a minute, and you will find fifty white men who have had four thousand years of opportunity, unhampered and unhindered, only a few degrees better than that ignorant Negro. Did you ever think of that? Oh! that Negro will never amount to anything. He has reached the acme of his little ambition. He was born to be a monkey. The more he gets paid for making cheap people laugh, the bigger monkey he becomes.

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Never feel that you are always right. No man or woman has ever approached so near the great white sepulcher of a risen Christ. He was always right, and He alone.

Some day this writer will give a fair description of a colossal intellectual failure in these columns. For the present let this suffice:

One capable of committing to memory everything he reads; a real literary glutton, who swallows curriculums from colleges like a hog eats bunches of parsley; starts out in the game of life with all the beauty of aesthetic grandeur as a chart to guide him; unused to knocks and jars of the world, he becomes sour and crabid. Reared among aristocratic Negro butlers, barbers, cooks and janitors, he feels himself just a little better than any of his race. He may have first discovered sunlight in some New England janitor's flat, some unsung barber's cottage, some butler's quarters, or some good cook's humble home. But, no matter, we have him. Too good to work, and too knowing to see the beauty in it, he preaches against it, and against those that do work or advocate it. He has nothing, wants nothing, would not know what to do with it if he had it, won't acquire, can't acquire, wouldn't keep it if he could.

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We are rapidly climbing into the Y. M. C. A. period of race development. The spiritual man needs the stimulus the church cannot give, and the physical man needs the gymnasium, and the social man needs the harmony of all the Christian influences to act as a lever and to make him a safe individual. Here, under the shadow of all the beneficent gifts of eternal life, the individual may grow unhampered by creeds, and become charged with the reflected opinions of a grand galaxy of mental and moral philosophers whose self is lost in the great work of human uplift. The slogan of 1911 is the Y. M. C. A.

Aid it, tongue, and aid it, pen;
Aid it, hearts of honest men;
And our interest must not slacken
Till the world has routed sin.

A VOICE FROM WAY DOWN EAST

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—"Reading makes a ready man."—Lord Bacon. To keep abreast with the times one must not listen to the fairy stories told him concerning the Negro race, but read the current literature. This is no Rip Van Winkle age. Since the noise of musketry in '65 has ceased and the blue smoke of the cannon has cleared away, no race on the globe could have progressed so extensively in forty-six years as this, the American Negro. "The truth must set the writer free." To his letter, in a nutshell, I could answer in a book. But my thoughts presenting the facts must be condensed to a mere outline, while I mention just a few of the great many responsible and educational places that have been and are filled by our brothers in black. Read the history of our old eloquent, the Hon. Fred Douglass, the leading star of his race; Bishop Turner, who served fifty years in the bishopric, and retired in honor; John M. Langston, Senators Revels, B. K. Bruce, Lynch of Mississippi, and ex-Governor Pinchback, of Louisiana, who has held more positions than any other man (white or black) on the globe. Mr. Englishman, look on the back of every paper dollar you handle and see Wm. Vernon's name (our Register of the Treasury), and when you can see him personally, find how much stray blood exists in him. Do you think that an ignorant man is reliable and can make good with Uncle Sam's treasury business? The Hon. J. C. Napier, his successor, is also a Negro. When Dr. Toby, in 1895, sent a carriage for Paul Lawrence Dunbar, our American poet, to come to the institution at Toledo, to read to the patients, the doctor was astounded when Dunbar alighted, and remarked, "Thank God, he is black!" Whatever genius he may have cannot be attributed to his white blood. And the Hon. Brand Whitlock, ex-mayor of Toledo, said: "On the walls of my library hang my best friends, Dunbar, Walt Whitman, Thoreau, and others." The late Dr. Perry, of Chicago, was as black as any man is white. Was he ignorant? When three-fourths of his patients were white and the moneyed people of the second city? Do you think that in the death of Bishop Grant, at Kansas City, the other day, President Taft would have wired condolence to his family and friends and sympathizing with his race in general, for having lost such a great educational prop, had he been as the writer described? The famous original jubilee singers of Fisk University, who, with their well-trained voices, in your own country, sang the tears from the people's eyes and the money from their pockets, to the amount of $90,000, for the erection of Jubilee Hall, at Nashville, Tenn., dined with the Queen of England and entertained Gladstone. And our Booker T. Washington, the great educator, dined not only with ex-President Roosevelt, but while canvassing for his school recently was feted all along the line, in not only your country, but your city, London. What Patti Rosa was to your race, so Madame Sissieretta Jones "Black Patti," so called for your prima donna) is to our race. Only last week, in Philadelphia, the writer visited one of the popular theaters to hear a fine singer of the white race, whose high notes were supported and held up by the voice of a colored woman behind the curtain. Music is characteristic to the race. Thousands of dollars have been pocketed from theatrical work on the American stage by the black man. Uncle Sam has Negro mail carriers all over the United States, and the sons of Ham are dotted here and there, working for the government, not only in America, but in foreign lands. The Negro, as a soldier, stands prominent. At San Juan Hill, so says history, the Tenth Cavalry saved the life of ex-President Roosevelt, during the Spanish-American war. "They are a credit to their flag," said Mayor McClellan, son of Gen. George McClellan. So was Lincoln's prophecy fully realized on the Negro, in the courageous deeds of the Tenth Cavalry. In speaking of the sleeping car porters and waiters holding the highest positions, for Negroes, "charity begins at home." Right here in Atlantic City, the famous world resort, where there is but little of anything else to be done but wait, two-thirds of the waiters are white, mostly waitresses. Just now and then houses are found for colored waitresses or waiters. The slums of all races live according to their means and principles. Had I time and space, I would give you in actual figures the cost of some of our beautiful homes and institutions, owned and operated by our people. We own forty-eight banks, one for each year of our freedom, ten of which are in Mississippi, and when I say that the race problem, so often mentioned, can only be solved by education and money, I feel that the echo of the whole race will resound, when my sentiment is read by the thousands of readers of the illustrious Freeman.

A HAMETIC DAUGHTER,
Tennie Morford Bartlett.

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE.

DETROIT, Mich.—A very beautiful and brilliant surprise party was tendered Mr. J. C. Smitherman, on last Wednesday evening, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dean, 85 Illinois street. The spacious parlors were beautifully decorated and in the library Miss Maude Dean presided at the punch bowl. The dining room was decorated in the national colors. Covers were laid for forty guests. Mr. Smitherman was the recipient of many beautiful presents from friends, namely: Diamond stick pin, Mrs. J. C. Smitherman; silk hose, Mr. W. B. Clay; silk hose, Mr. Marber Miller; brass tobacco jar, Mrs. Grace Bryant; brass jug, Mrs. George Lewis; necktie, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dean; necktie, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Patterson; wine set, Mr. and Mrs. John Dean and Mrs. Grace Stone; German stein, Mrs. Travis and Mrs. Gamble; pipe rack, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hanson; smoking set, Mrs. Gaines and Mrs. Stewart; silk handkerchiefs, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Carter; brass tobacco bowl and tray, Miss Maude Dean. Caterer, Mr. D. W. Seymour.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

With bowed heads the citizens of Henderson crowded the auditorium of Trinity A. M. E. Zion Church to pay the last tribute of respect to Dr. Clarence Ernest Gowdey, who breathed his last in El Paso, Tex., February 2, where he had gone with the hope of regaining his health. His wife, Mrs. Viola Cabell Gowdey, joined him in El Paso early in December, and faithfully nursed him until the end came. His mother, Mrs. M. A. Saunders, of Nashville, Tenn., came here Saturday to attend the funeral. Dr. Gowdey very successfully practiced medicine in Henderson for more than twelve years, and his popularity was attested by the numerous floral designs and the sad cortege that followed his remains to the depot. A memorial service was held at St. Paul A. M. E. Church, Nashville, Tenn., where he was formerly a member, and his remains were laid in the vault at Greenwood Cemetery. Dr. Gowdey was a pharmaceutical and medical graduate of Meharry Medical College. He was also prominent as a lodge man, having at one time been grand medical register, K. of P., of Kentucky. He was buried with Masonic and Pythian honors.... Rev. W. J. M. Price is back in his pulpit, after a short visit to Nicholasville, Ky., and other points, where he formerly was pastor....Prof. H. F. Jones, State grand chancellor of the K. of P.'s, made a flying trip to Lexington, Ky., last Sunday...Miss Emma C. Payne was the pleasant hostess of the Harmony Club last Friday afternoon....Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cabell, Mrs. S. A. O'Neal and Mr. Walter Brown, chancellor commander of Hector Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., accompanied the remains of Dr. C. E. Gowdey to Nashville....Rev. C. H. Warder took his little son, Godfrey, to Madisonville, last week, to matriculate him in Atkinson College....Miss M. V. Kennedy is improving, after a very serious illness....Dr. P. G. Walker, of Owensboro, Ky., was in the city Tuesday to attend the funeral of Dr. C. E. Gowdey....The Freeman is on sale every week at the ice cream parlor of Mrs. Irene Woodfolk....Mr. O. L. Watson, Henderson's only colored undertaker, had charge of the remains of Dr. Gowdey.

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COMPLAINT TO QUIET TITLE.

State of Indiana,
Marion County, ss:
Charles M. Dodd
vs.
Frank McWhinney et al.

Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana. No. 18,689. Complaint to quiet title of real estate.

Be it known, That on the 1st day of February, 1911, the above named plaintiff, by his attorneys, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marion County, in the State of Indiana, his complaint against the above named defendants; and the said plaintiff having also filed in said Clerk's office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendants, Frank McWhinney, Mattie McWhinney, his wife, and Miss Ella Dill, are not residents of the State of Indiana, said cause is to quiet title of real estate and said defendants are necessary parties thereto; and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendants to appear in said Court, and answer or demur thereto on the 3rd day of April, 1911.

Now therefore, by order of said Court, said defendant last above named are hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against them and that unless they appear and answer or demur thereto, at the calling of said cause on the 3rd day of April, 1911, the same being the 1st judicial day of a term of said Court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the City of Indianapolis, on the 1st Monday in April, 1911, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in their absence.

JOHN RAUCH, Clerk.
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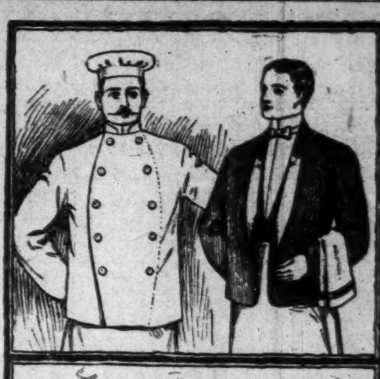

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SATURDAY, FEB. 18, 1911.

The new constitution—gentlemen, it's all so sudden. Permit us time to reflect.

Some one rises to ask why Boston did not celebrate the one hundredth birthday of Horace Greeley, since that city enjoys a better reputation of celebrating men and events than other cities. Perhaps it got its dates mixed.

Time, as a rule, has dwarfed the greatest figures of the world, regardless of their spheres of activities. Gods and near gods and lesser mortals have gone the way of the earth, leaving but faint traces of the fact that they had been here. A few individuals only have defied the mutations of time, leaving them brighter for the wear. Abraham Lincoln is among this deathless few and whose effulgence bids fair to grow until the last day.

Some one has been suggesting what Liberia needs to bring it out of the kinks, or rather to leaven its ponderous corporosity—we suggest that that country send bright and apt young men and women to America to attend the technical schools, the Tuskegees and similar institutions. After which they should return home and take the initiative in bringing practical things to pass, just as they come to pass in America. Why shouldn't the Liberians do this? Japan has the idea.

Minister to Liberia, Dr. W. D. Crum, has gotten himself in bad odor in Liberia, according to the Liberian Register, a publication of that country. In a recent speech the doctor had the "boldness" to say that he hoped for the time when Liberia would be more than a name. The Register "grew red" in the face about the matter, and balled the doctor out in a big way in an editorial comment. The Register says that Minister Crum was not at all diplomatic, the inference being that Liberia was more than a name, at least in the estimation of the publication.

To save our lives we can't see much harm in what the doctor said. He simply wanted the country to get a move on, and in thus expressing it his zeal may have outrun his discretion. Of course, the country is looking forward to consideration from this country, and perhaps the Register thinks there's a good chance of spoiling things if words are carelessly spoken. We, however, won't feel that the doctor has committed a very great offense against the proprieties.

NEW CONSTITUTION PROPOSED.

We are not inclined to think very much of the move on part of the Democrats in the legislature to make way for a new constitution for the state of Indiana by the method proposed. It appears that a new constitution may be framed only by a convention called for that purpose. Moreover, it seems the sense of the constitution that this constitutional convention be made up of individuals who are elected for that purpose only. One contemplating the matter gets the notion that these elected members should be selected owing to their peculiar fitness for the services they are to render.

It is maintained, we believe, by the dominant party in the legislature, that the object is to amend the present constitution and not be to draw up a new one to be passed on, thus holding in with the intent of the spirit and letter of the original document in the proposed method of change. According to the present constitution, amendments may be made as follows:

Section 1. Any amendment or amendments to this Constitution may be proposed in either branch of the general assembly; and if the same shall be agreed to by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, such proposed amendment or amendments shall, with yeas and nays thereon, be entered on their journals, and referred to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election; and if, in the general assembly so next chosen, such proposed amendment or amendments shall be agreed to by a majority of all the members elected to each house, then it shall be the duty of the general assembly to submit such amendment or amendments to the lectors of the state; and if a majority of said electors shall ratify the same, such amendment or amendments shall become a part of this Constitution.

The sweeping changes proposed by the legislature amount to more than amending the Constitution. Perhaps in the law courts it might be decided and most especially by partisan judges, that the attempt is only to amend the Constitution, since it is not wholly destroyed. But practically the changes proposed does away with the old Constitution; and the intent plainly is to construct a practically new one in its stead. It is not so sure but what the Democrats have the real advantage, and they may chose to amend the old Constitution to death and may get by in the courts. In the effort, however, they would be taking advantage of the people, who did not elect that body to make a new Constitution. Snap judgment is not always the best judgment. The people would like to think on the matter.

That a Constitutional Convention is the only proper method of making the wholesale changes proposed seems to be the concensus of opinion of those best informed. There is but very little objection noted in the comment of newspapers and lawyers as to the proposed change of the more important sections of the present Constitution—the opinion holds generally that many of the changes are needed and are all right, while a few are set down as of doubtful good. The many changes proposed, however, declare in favor of a specially selected body for mature deliberation acording to the preamble of similar instruments.

The colored people will be most interested in the change proposed for the elective franchise. Paying of the poll tax is a necessity. This will appear a hardship only to those not in the habit of paying taxes. In principle the proposed change is right and just, since every man is supposed to pay his municipal assessment. We don't think very much of the test of reading a section of the Constitution. It means an educational test which is right in instances, but extremely bad in others. Bright young men from school without a "tupence" could work by here, and who in principle might be worthless, contributing nothing to the advancement of the state, financially or otherwise. These would be permitted to vote, while many who have worked, saved their money, bought property, paid taxes in considerable amounts, thus aiding the state to discharge its financial obligations, would be denied the privilege. Good citizenship can exist without very much reading ability. Individuals can have good understanding without good reading ability. Those who contribute to the help of the state one way or the other should be the preferred citizens. It would be equally unjust to foreigners who also become good citzens in the sense outlined, to cut off their voting privilege because they could not master the English sufficiently to read a section of the Constitution. The theory should be that the good citizen is the helpful citizen, and whom nothing should be denied.

THINKS THE ELECTIVE FRANCHISE ENDANGERED

Spokane, Wash., February 9, 1911.
Mr. G. L. Knox, Editor Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.:

Dear Sir—Under instructions given me by the Men's Sunday Club, of Spokane, Wash., I am writing you relative to the resolution now pending in the United States Senate concerning the election of the United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

The above-named club has taken action on the aforesaid resolution, and have written the following-named Senators: Depew, Carter, Piles, Hebrom, and Jones, of the State of Washington, in these words:

"We, the Men's Sunday Club, of Spokan, Wash., have taken cognizance of the Borah resolution, now pending in Congress, and take the liberty to ask you to use all honorable means at your command to defeat said resolution. The resolution, as we understand it, is so constructed as to have relieved the Federal Government of the control and direction of the election of United States Senators, thereby repealing one of the most substantial safeguards in the Constitution of the United States, and makes it possible for any State to wholly, or in part, deprive its electors of the right to vote. We are fully convinced that the Borah resolution, if passed, will accomplish a complete disfranchisement of the Negroes of the United States."

It is the desire of the Men's Sunday Club to solicit your hearty co-operation in this matter, and ask that you use your influence in the community in which you live towards these ends. I remain,

Respectfully yours,
W. R. MOTEN,
Secretary of the Men's Sunday Club.
1017 East Pacific Avenue.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

So many excellent things nave been said of the immortal Lincoln by way of praise that the human mind refuses to yield up more. While language fails in adding honor and glory to his name, yet his personality marches on like the spirit of Old John Brown, moving in front of men as the pillow of fire by night, pointing the way to that condition of the human family that has been the theme of philosophers and poets. He stood for so much in the affairs of men when in their best estate that it would be disloyalty to their better selves should they fail in rendering praise to him. So, despite all the limitations of speech, the paucity of the human tongue, we should not withhold whatever may tend to show forth our love and veneration. And as another still greater said, "Do this in remembrance of me." We do this in memory of such individuals, and often as we do it, just so often do we aid in the discharge of our obligations to the divinities for sending salvationists among men to hold them true to the purpose of their creation.

Until Mr. Lincoln reached the Presidency he was comparatively an unknown quantity. He, however, was not without distinction at his home. His state, Illinois, had long since discovered the manner of man and was persistent in doing him honor. He had represented his constituents as Congressman at Washington. But the various states also sent congressmen to Washington, most of whom created no ripples on the face of affairs. They were village Hampdens at their homes perhaps, but who wrote their names as in sand when in the greater swirl of political activities at the national capital.

Mr. Lincoln, apparently, was not different to the great majority of the lower house, in that he made no impression that stamped him as one who was to come and head the nation. But doubtless this was his school, where he studied men and conditions, absorbing all essentials to that future activity in his limitless capacity. "A chile" was among them taking notes. At the proper time and place he unfolded as the flowers of spring, filling the earth with the fragrance of his spiritual being.

The citizens of Mr. Lincoln's state had taken note of the strange, awkward creature. They had seen him grow into manhood free of guile and the little cheats that are sometimes employed to boost men in their ambitions. He had no use for any of these artificialities—a plain, blunt man of God's own smithy—"Little blessed in the phrases of polite mouthings." And as if nature were working according to the laws of compensation, the grotesque mask of a physical form was endowed with this most beautiful soul, and to which men learned to see rather than the ungainly form.

Sublimely sincere, wise, humble—in fact he had the virtues of the best manhood in such admirable proportion that he seemed another and higher order of man, one who might have tumbled from Mars or some other planet, and whose authority for leadership was fixed by those imperious rules that sometimes grow out of a medley of circumstances and which tend to establish a given end. He came as fittingly into his leadership as if they were mutual compliments.

At Washington and throughout the country the good opinions entertained of Mr. Lincoln by the citizens of Illinois did not obtain. When he came to claim his place at the head of the nation, queries came from the civilized world: What's he going to do? What can he do? Is this backwoodsman capable? He endured the taunts after manner of Mosaical Jew, turned the other cheek for the blow. He was a very sheep in shamble, of the slave's own humility, but with the nobility of a God—**in him were blended the elements of divinity,** acknowledging nothing excepting duty.

The country son discovered that Mr. Lincoln was most capable. He, like his order of men, was in no hurry to let his virtues be known. Time alone was the agent of his unfolding and, of course, coupled with arising emergencies. The nation, the world of civilization, even to heathendom soon learned the full worth of the Lincoln name and all that it stood for.

The emancipation proclamation was merely an incident in his life. The world sees him as a most lovable character, who would have been false to his nature had he not declared the freedom of the slaves. He is loved for his manhood, for his suffering, just as the Christ is dear to the world because of what he endured.

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A BANQUET

In Honor of Charles W. Anderson, New York City.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

NEW YORK.—At the great banquet given at the Cafe Boulevard, New York City, a few evenings ago, Hon. Charles W. Anderson, Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second District of New York City, was the only representative of the Negro people present.

The assemblage was called together to honor Nathan Straus, the philanthropist, who has done so much through his pasteurized milk laboratories to save the lives of children, not only in New York City, but in other large cities of the United States as well.

More than 800 guests sat down to the banquet table. Addresses were made by Governor John A. Dix, William Randolph Hearst, editor of the New York American and other publications; Borough President George A. McAneny, and numbers of others representing the highest financial and official importance. The menu cards were very expensive souvenirs, being bound in white moire silk and containing, aside from a short sketch of Mr. Straus' philanthropies, the menu, the invitation committee, and an especially designed page showing Mr. Straus' picture, surrounded with pictures of the laboratories through which are dispensed pasteurized milk, which has been the chief of Mr. Straus' philanthropies.

The list of guests, alphabetically arranged, contains the names of such important personages as August Belmont, the traction magnate; Andrew Carnegie, W. Bourke Cochran, Paul D. Cravath, John D. Crimmins, Robert W. DeForest, of the Sage Foundation; William C. McAdoo, the Hudson tunnel builder; Dr. R. S. Macarthur, Henry Phipps, and a great number of others, representing the most important activities of New York's religious, financial and official life. Collector Anderson's name is engraved as the second in the list of the important personages, who composed the invitation and arrangement committee, which was responsible for tendering this banquet. The Negro people were worthily represented.

PENSACOLA, FLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Let us have your local news. If you visit a friend out of town or if a friend visits you, let us know of it, so we can let other know of it. Leave all notices at the Pensacola drug store. The Freeman is for sale there....A movement is on foot for the starting of a kindergarten school in this community, which is necessitated by the presence of so many little tots. Dr. H. G. Williams, one of the prime movers of this undertaking, is giving the matter all the attention that he can spare from his professional duties. ....Mrs. Emma White, of North Guillemard street, left last week for Mariana, Fla., to attend the wedding of her brother, Mr. Colbert Britt, who was united in marriage to Miss Annie Wynn, of that city....Mr. Jones of East Hill, brother of Grant Jones, is still very ill. Mrs. Jones will arrive in a few days to be at the bedside of her husband.... Mrs. M. A. Edwards is filling the vacancy at School No. 5 caused by the death of Mrs. D. J. Cunningham....Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sheppard gave an entertainment at their home on North Reus street for the benefit of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church. Quite a large number of people were present....The Nightingale Club entertained with a dance at the K. of P. Hall last Monday night. A large crowd was present, all of whom enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent. Music was furnished by the Collins full orchestra....The many friends of Mr. Green Hines are pleased to see him about again after recovery from a severe illness....St. Paul has put in new auditorium chairs, which are very comfortable....Allen Chapel elected trustees for the ensuing year last Tuesday evening. We are told they are determined to do their duty....Rev. A. M. Lang, of Talbot Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, closed a three weeks' financial rally last Sunday. The sum raised during the rally amounted to $200....Mrs. D. J. Cunningham, wife of D. J. Cunningham, died on January 28 at her home on West Wright street. Burial took place on Monday, January 30. Mrs. Cunningham was ill but six days and her early demise was a great shock to her many friends. Mrs. Frank Mathews and Miss Elsie Cunningham, daughters of the deceased, were here to attend the funeral services, which were held in the A. M. E. Church. Interment was made in Zion cemetery. The deceased is survived by the husband and four children....The B. Y. P. U. rendered a very fine program at Mt. Olive Baptist Church last Sunday evening. The attendance was very large. The officers of the society are: S. P. Kelly, conductor; J. W. Asbury, president, and Mrs. Rebecca Jackson, secretary. Rev. E. W. Pickett is the pastor....Mr. William Taylor is out after a week's illness....Mrs. Thomas Bellinger is reported to be recovering from a sick spell....Mrs. Mary E. Claiborne entertained quite a number of friends at her home on North C street last Wednesday evening. A pleasant time was had by all present....Mrs. Laura Davis, of East Hill street, is on the sick list....Mr. and Mrs. Obannon, of North Reus street, are the proud parents of a fine baby boy who arrived last week....Mr. Robert Burnett has recovered from his recent illness, and his many friends are glad to see him about again. ....Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jordan entertained at a dinner last Sunday evening. Mrs. C. Powells, of North F street, has returned home after a visit with friends in Jacksonville, Fla. She reports a delightful trip....Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton, of North I street, has returned home from a visit in Alabama, where she visited relatives....Mrs. James Smith and son, James, Jr., have returned from Selma and Atmore, Ala., where they visited relatives for a few weeks....Mr. James Brown Sr., has been on the sick list for several weeks. It is hoped by his many friends that he will soon recover. Mr. John Keeling, of West Wright street, sustained a broken leg a few weeks ago. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery....Mr. Frank Manuel arrived here last week after an absence of two years in Chicago, Ill. His many friends were glad to see him....Mrs. Ida Seldun, of South Deviller street, has recovered from a recent illness. Her many friends are pleased to see her out again. ....Mr. Perry Foster, of West Belmont, has been confined to his home for a few days, as the result of running a nail into his foot....The Jordon Mytic Mysterious Banquet has been postponed until February 22. This will be one of the biggest events among the society people of Pensacola. Watch The Freeman....Mr. S. Campbell, of Warrington, Fla., was in the city last week on business....Memorial services in honor of Bishop Grant will be held at Allen Chapel next Sunday. The public is cordially invited....Master Archie Borras, who has been on the sick list, is about to be out again....Rev. Moreland, of South Carolina, was in the city last week and greeted many friends while here....One of the many social functions of last week was a birthday party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sunday in honor of Mrs. Harriet Johnson, Mrs. Sunday's mother and grandmother of Misses Katie and Gladys Johnson. The Misses Johnson put forth every effort to make the party a success. Mrs. Johnson is an old resident of this city, having reached her seventieth anniversary. A cake with seventy candles was presented to her with several other love tokens. The honor of toastmaster and the lighting of the candles was conferred upon Mr. Sunday. Cards and dancing were features of the evening.

DECATUR, ILL.

President Taft Visits City—Society Went to Springfield to Dance.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

President Taft visited Decatur last Saturday. The town was beautifully decorated and both white and colored people turned out to pay their respects to the chief executive. Rev. Archie Ward, colored, was among those honored by having a place on the speakers' stand. ....Mr. Hugh Singleton, our popular restaurant man, had the honor of furnishing the President his dinner on his private car en route to Springfield, Ill....The funeral of Mrs. Georgia Clanton Cecil was held at St. Peter's A. M. E. Church last Friday. The services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Morrow, assisted by Rev. J. A. Crockett....Mr. Willie Blue, employed on the Pullman between Decatur and Detroit, died in Detroit. His remains were brought to Decatur for burial....Dr. S. T. Clanton, of Selma, Ala., preached a powerful sermon at St. Peter's last Sunday morning. His son, Mr. S. T. Clanton, Jr., is in the city from Howard Medical College, Washington D. C....Miss Minnie Kelley, president of the Allen League, is preparing to give a play on March 31 entitled "School Days." The play was written by Miss Kelley and it promises to be a winner....Master Edgar Hammons, who has been seriously ill for about two weeks, is much improved....Mrs. H. Clay is still in St. Mary's Hospital, but is reported to be much better....About seventy-five people from Springfield attended the dance given by Mr. Karle Monte at the Guards' Armory on February 13....Mr. C. W. Thompson, state president of the Allen League, made a splendid address in the interests of the league. He encouraged the members to press forward and continue their good work....Mrs. James Jacobs is on the sick list....Mrs. Jennie Love and Mrs. Lottie Love were in the city last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Georgia Cecil....Mrs. Carrie Webb, of Harrisburg, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. Anna Vanderburg, of West Green street.

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PARKERSBURG, W. VA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Judge Moss, of the Circuit Court of Wood county, West Virginia, addressed the congregation of the Logan M. E. Church, last Sunday, on Lincoln's birthday. His talk in behalf of the Negro race was very impressive....A fine girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Merriman. It came as a Valentine on the 14th of February. The mother and baby are getting along nicely.

MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Missionary tea was held at the residence of Mr. A. H. Simmons, East Front street, on Wednesday afternoon, February 8. Miss Alice Woods was hostess.... Mrs. Catherine Sharp, of West Front street, went to Wabash, Ind., for a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Bert Ferguson.... The electoral college of the A. M. E. Church of the Northern Ohio Conference was held at Akron, O., on February 8, to elect delegates to the A. M. E. convention to be held in Kansas City in May, 1912. The delegates elected were Mr. A. H. Simmons, of Wayman Chopel, of Mt. Vernon, O., and Mr. B. W. Tyree, of Hamilton, O. The alternates were Mr. E. J. Smith, of McIntyre, O., and Mr. C. Clark, of Bellefontaine, O....Rev. M. M. Toomey, of Calvary Baptist Church, preached at the citadel of the Salvation Army on February 9....Mrs. Albert Roy, of West Front street, went to Columbus last week to visit her husband, who is a patient in St. Francis Hospital. Mr. Roy is getting along nicely after an operation for the removal of a cataract from one of his eyes....Club No. 2 of the A. M. E. Church, Mrs. Chaney Mayle captain, will hold a bazaar luncheon and exchange in the lecture room of the church on March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Everybody invited to attend....The Sewing Circle of the Calvary Baptist Church met at the church on Wednesday evening, February 15....Mrs. S. J. Simmons, of South Gay street, who has been confined to her home with a severa case of the grip, is able to be about again....We are sorry to report that Mr. J. W. Hackley is still seriously ill....Thelma, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, of East Chestnut street, is ill with bronchitis....Rev. J. M. Tate, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, preached last Sunday to a large and appreciative audience....At Calvary Baptist Church Rev. M. M. Toomy, pastor, preached both morning and evening. Sunday school at 2 p. m. There was a meeting of the deacons at the residence of Bro. J. S. Gibson, of North Sanders Street, Wednesday evening, February 15th....Mrs. John Payne, of North Jefferson Street, is ill with tonsilitis....There was a birthday surprise given in honor of Mrs. Rev. J. W. Tate, February 10th, at their residence on West Walnut Street. About thirty-two were present, and the evening was spent in games and rounded out with an old-fashioned taffy-pulling, which was enjoyed by all present....Mr. Jesse Peterson, of East Pleasant Street, met with another serious accident at the C., A. & C. shops, where he is employed, on January 27th.

ASLEEP IN JESUS.

Mrs. Carrie Alice Dyson, the daughter of Thomas and Susie Robinson, 3611 Missouri Avenue, Louisville, Ky., submitted to an operation Thursday, February 9th, at the Mercy Hospital, Hamilton, Ohio, and died five minutes afterward of heart failure. She had been sick about fourteen months and suffered intensely, but bore it, trusting in God with her Christian faith. Services were held at her late residence Friday morning. Her body was prepared for burial by Undertakers Grim & Son, and shipped to her father's home Friday afternoon, accompanied by her devoted husband, two children, two sisters and their husbands, and an aunt, which arrived at 6 p. m. Mr. George Wooldridge, a local undertaker, took charge and removed the body to 3611 Missouri Avenue. The funeral was conducted by him. Her funeral was preached at the Portland Baptist Church, by Rev. Offutt, in a very touching sermon. Interment in Portland Cemetery. She was married to C. S. Dyson in 1902. Their union was blessed with two children, Aletta and Charles. No one knew her but to love her. She joined the Baptist Church about thirteen years ago, and always lived a true Christian woman. She leaves to mourn her death, mother, father, husband, two children, four sisters, Nora, Virginia, Emily and Laura, a brother, and many other relatives and friends. Many beautiful floral designs were sent to the bereaved family from Hamilton and city.

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THE COLORED Y. M. C. A.—THE KANSAS-MISSOURI CLUB.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Major J. Hardie, the father of the Colored Y. M. C. A., delivered an eloquent address Sunday afternoon to a large audience. Secretary Quillian (white), of the local body, in a few well chosen words, introduced Major Hardie, and the wife of Mr. Quillian delighted her colored hearers with several vocal selections, "Calvary" being beautifully rendered. Little Miss Watson accompanied....Prof. L. M. Uribe, a prominent pianist and vocalist of the Coast, gave a recital at the Y. M. C. A., Tuesday evening. Songs were rendered in French, English and Spanish, which was a treat to the students of Spanish at the Y. M. C. A. Much credit is due Secretary Green for the diversified programs each Sunday....The adoption and ratification of by-laws at the Forum Sunday ended satisfactorily, after some heated discussions....The Kansas-Missouri Club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Motley, February 7th, making it an enjoyable meeting for the club. Each member was bedecked with fancy headgear made by the hostess. The program was splendid. Mr. William Slayton's reading of "The Face Upon the Floor" was especially good. Mr. E. Waller, with his effervescent wit, kept the bunch in smiles. Refreshments were served at 1:30, which evoked the most profuse thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality....Miss Della Yates, member of the K. and M. Club, was secretly married to Mr. W. H. Payne, an artist, Monday, February 6th...The germ of Jim-Crowism was quietly but effectively nipped in the bud through Rev. Stout, at Santa Monica. A placard reading, "Colored People Admitted After Nine O'Clock," appeared, Rev. Stout got busy, and—well, the sign disappeared. May other leaders be inoculated with this same spirit....Get the Freeman from L. G. Eggleston, 812 Maple Avenue.

PIQUA (O.) BREVITIES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

At the Park Avenue Baptist Church, the pastor, Rev. P. Everett, preached a soul-stirring sermon Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon communion services were held. At night the B. Y. P. U. held a very interesting session. Sermon by the pastor. Services were largely attended....At the Cyrene A. M. E. Church the pastor, Rev. Collins, preached two able sermons to good congregations....Border City Lodge, No. 16, entertained the district grand deputy, Harry T. Eliott, of Dayton, O., a few days ago. He gave a very interesting lecture on the work, and it was enjoyed by all. After the lecture a luncheon was served and social time enjoyed....Company I, U. R., K. of P., will give a grand ball Wednesday evening, February 22....The Young Men's Social Club gave a stag party Monday evening, February 13. Many able talks were made by different members of the club, showing where we can better our conditions as a race, politically and in a business way. The club has organized a theatrical troupe known as the Moss Minstrels, and will put on their first show at Pleasant Hill, O., the latter part of this month. They will play all of the surrounding towns. The purpose is to raise money to build a Colored Y. M. C. A....Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hynes attended a grand ball in Lima, O., Monday evening....Mrs. C. L. Evans was called to Greenville by the illness of her father....We have many able baseball players in our city, but there is not enough interest manifested to support a colored team. Three players have played several seasons with white teams, and made good. They are: James Clemens, Chester Banks and Fleming Russel. Some manager of our larger cities would do well to correspond with these three men....Mrs. Maud Johnson spent last Sunday week in Dayton. She was the guest of her uncle, Mr. Isham Randolph, and Mrs. Lida Dunigan.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Blanche Porter, of Kansas City, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Minnie Mayweathers, who is very ill....Mr. Walter Babb has just returned from a visit in Peoria....Mrs. Sarah Patton has improved....Mr. C. E. Jackson has gone to Chicago on business....The Valentine entertainment of the stewardesses of the A. M. E. Church, Tuesday evening, was quite a success, with a large attendance. ....Mrs. Nellie Manhead has returned to Alton....Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bracy, of Chicago, visited Miss C. Williams and friends....Mrs. Fannie Lenneman, formerly of Chicago, expects to reside here permanently.

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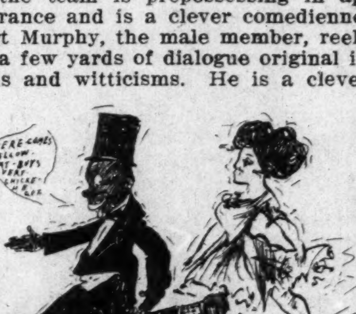
ACTS NEW TO INDIANAPOLIS.

CROWN GARDEN THEATRE.

Murphy & Francis.
15 Minutes in "One."
Singing and Talking.

The team Murphy & Francis, a man and a woman, opened for the first time Monday night on the small time in Indianapolis. The patrons of the Crown Garden Theatre received them with tremendous applause. The woman of the team is prepossessing in appearance and is a clever comedienne. Burt Murphy, the male member, reels off a few yards of dialogue original in puns and witticisms. He is a clever



dancer of the late Joe Britton variety. The voices of the pair are a bit shy in strength and forcefulness, yet, withal, they "got" everything on the songs offered. The act is well costumed and equally balanced, an unusual feature in most colored teams where a man and a woman compose the combination. This act has just completed an extensive engagement over the Morris time and as an inducement to get them to open in the small houses a period of ten weeks was contracted for at a substantial salary. The act is booked by C. O. Harding of the new Grand Central Vaudeville Circuit.

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Ora Criswell.
10 Minutes in "One."
Singer.

Ora Criswell, the old time coon song-shouter, of the original Pekin Stock Company of Chicago, made her initial bow to an Indianapolis audience. She presents a straight singing act offering some good and catchy songs, the best received, perhaps, was "I can't be satisfied with one." She got back two or three times amid liberal ap-

plause after the rendition of this number. She has adopted somewhat different style from that used in the days when she made "In Tennessee" famous where she sang it on a long run in the first production of the "Mayor of Dixie" at the Pekin Theatre.

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Courtney & Jennette.
15 Minutes Full Stage.
Comedy Juggling.

Courtney & Jennette, a man and woman in a comedy juggling act were fair. The stunts put through were of the stereotyped variety, although they were, for the most part, executed with

skill and dispatch. The woman in the act could be dispensed with without serious loss. It is painfully evident that this team represents a sad case of stretching a passable "single" into "a double."

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Alberto, The Alligator Man,
Full Stage 15 Minutes.
Contortionist.

Ostentatious setting together with special light effects gives to this act a wierd presentation at once impressive and convincing. Alberto has the appearance of a mere youth, yet his work shows him to be old in experience. His act is up to the standard as contortionists go. His best work perhaps is his imitation of an alligator crawling forth from a cave. He was well received.

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The Lees.
Full Stage 12 Minutes.
Musical.

The Lees present a fair musical act. The woman of the team is a passable cornetist and also plays the zylophone acceptably. The man's best efforts were with the clarionet. As a duet with the two mentioned instruments the team tackle some difficult numbers, among them being the "Miserere" from 'Il Trovatore. Owing to the indifferent quality of orchestras this act is liable to come in contact with playing the small houses, it would therefore be well for them to include in their repertoire less pretentious numbers. "Come be my Sunshine, Dearie" on the water glasses was liberally applauded. The act is well costumed and the paraphernalia used is trim and up to date.

COLONIAL THEATRE.

Johnson & Johnson.
Full Stage 12 Minutes.
Singing and Dancing.

The Johnsons, Billy and Leonce, opened at the Colonial for a week last Monday. This is the first colored act to play this house for some time. While the act has merit it did not seem to take so well with the patrons at the opening matinee. The Johnsons are clever performers. Their singing and dancing are quite up to the average and they hand over a line of crisp and entertaining talk which loosened up their ice berg audiences at times in spite of their evident determination not to laugh. The team opened the show.

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THE STAGE

Taylor and Taylor at the Pekin Theater, Cincinnati, this week.

A. G. Brooks, the ventriloquist, is playing Philadelphia this week.

Burns & Robbins presented their act at Crescent Theater this week.

Al. Bryant, the comedian, this week at Monticello Theater, Jersey City, N. J.

Frank W. Inman is still very ill at his home, 290 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Ga.

Syd Gillingham closes his season with the Richards & Pringle's Minstrels Saturday.

William E. Jones, the singing comedian, this week at Arcade Theater, Newark, N. J.

Clarence Cameron White, violinist, writes that he is going all right down in Texas.

Jimmy Godman, the musical comedian, at Auditorium Theater, Philadelphia, Pa., this week.

Cole & Johnson's Dancing Girls at Colonial Theater, New York, February 13th to 20th.

Tom Lemonier is with the "Over Night" company, playing a run at the Hacket Theater, New York.

Bert Williams, with the "Follies of 1910," is still at the Tremont Theater, Boston, Mass., packing them in, as usual.

Sydney Kirkpatrick, the baritone, of Indianapolis, will close with the Richards & Pringle's Minstrels Saturday at Bisbee, Ariz.

The Georgia Troubadores' route: Greenfield, Iowa, February 12th to 14th; Rosendale, Mo., February 15th and 16th; Fillmore, Mo., February 17th and 18th.

The Wallburgs will be seen in New Orleans in the near future. From there they will go to Cuba, which country they will tour with the Campbell Bros. Circus.

Mrs. Wiggins and the cleaning up buck dancing team of Wiggins and Eves, better known as the two Inkie Dink Buddies, is now with Sunny Dixie Minstrels, making good.

Miss Rosena Alexander, of the "His Honor, the Barber," company, was called home at Washington, D. C., on account of the illness of her mother, and will rejoin the company at Chicago.

Mrs. Ora Dunlop, after several weeks' illness, has rejoined S. H. Dudley's company, "His Honor, the Barber," and is doing some very good work. She is now an understudy to Miss Roper.

Mack & Mack—Mary and Billie—are going big with Hunt's Georgia Minstrels, of which Billie Mack is manager and stage manager; Mr. Harry Hunt, general manager. Johnnie King and Wilminor Cooke is here.

Miss Marie Burton will soon appear in St. Louis, where she has been engaged for a special attraction. Miss Burton is a well-known soprano, also having social prestige. Her appearance will be regarded socially, as well as professionally.

Thomas and Ward were at the Wigwam Theater, Reno, week of the 6th; at the Butler Theater, Goldfield, Nev., week of the 12th; at the Emperor Theater, Tonopah, Nev., week of the 19th. The team is better known as Thomas and Ward, the Dancing Demon and his Kid Soubrette.

Hiram Sorrell, the famous Chinese, Jew and Dago impersonator and musician, is in Baltimore this week, where he remains until the last of March, when he will tour the West. While in Baltimore he will set up an Order of Owls, of which he is the traveling representative for the State of Maryland. The Home Nest is in South Bend, Ind.

George W. Boyd and Sadie B. Pelham, known as Boyd & Boyd, do good, clean and up-to-date work, singing, joking and break-neck song and dance turns. Boyd is known as one of the cleverest blackface men in the business, and Sadie Pelham is an exceptionally fine soubrette. Will be at the Blue Mouse Theater, Washington, D. C., for four weeks. Regards to all performers.

Brown & English, the two real funmakers, have closed a successful season with the Harrison Brothers' Minstrels, and are now en route with the Sunny Dixie Minstrels. They are Indianapolis boys, and are making a decided hit in their singing and dancing act, entitled, "The Argument." W. L. Eldridge, Harrison Blackburn and Sandy Burns, write. Regards to all in and out of the profession. Brown & English were the guests of Ben Jackson, late of the Two Bills Show, and also James Shaw, while in Corsicana, Texas.

"Playing under difficulties" would be somewhat of a title for an act. But the thing really happened. When Frank Kirk, the original musical acrobat, was playing an engagement at Akley, Minn., a juvenile band was practicing immediately above the auditorium. The band is permitted to see the shows, because it plays in front of the theater. The manager also permits the use of this room above the theater for practice. Kirk thought the youngsters would shut down business when the curtain went up. Did they do it? Never a time. He came bravely on. The band played bravely on—fortissimo, in crescendo et furioso. Well, he had a time of it. On going off he asked the manager why he didn't stop the band when he was on. "O, the people in the audience could not hear the band," says he. Kirk's Calliope was the only thing that saved him. When it started up the business sounded like a whole circus parade. So, after all, things turned out very well, if he didn't expect a band "accompaniment" to his calliope.

Quaker City Show Shops.

Over in New York the booking agents are telling the people that this year promises to be a financial success. No money is lost in New York, and none, it seems, is to be lost here in Philadelphia, unless unforeseen contingencies arise, and, moreover, the patronage here is increasing.

Other official information is to the effect that the cash receipts were greater last week than any time previous. There appear to have been a tribe of deadheads all along, but now more people are paying for their entertainment on the South Street stroll.

At the Auditorium, J. Gibson, manager, offers a very good bill. Hodges & Launchmere; Jas. Crosby, the tall talker; Cheers & Cheers, in an act entitled "She and He"; Jim Godman, the musical mope, and Prof. Hughes' Down in Dixie orchestra.

Victoria Theater, Duncan & Scott Managers.

Charles (Chicken) Jones and Clarice Wright have a very neat act. The latter sings "Sweetness" and introduces the ooloo Spanish dance, which is responsible for her many deserved encores. Erb Robinson has a fresh monologue, and talks himself into favor. Cuppie La Cal is the talk of the stroll, singing "Minor Strain." Others are Virginia Johnson, Ada Mickey, Levinia Skeeder, John Dias and Eleck White. The show concludes with an afterpiece entitled "Hotel Bam," and every one in the act talks Lombard Street French.

THE HAPPY HOUR THEATER.

Wm. (Kid) Asher, Manager, Philadelphia, Pa.

This neat little house opened its doors Monday evening to pretty fair business.

Warfield & Campbell went big, as usual, and were compelled to respond to a curtain call.

Watts & Reece, lightning dancers, were well received. The last, but not least, was Happy Ham, the ragtime banjo man, and created a bit of enthusiasm.

Manager Asher feels proud of his lucky collection and will hold them over for another week.

ARTHUR L. PRINCE.

[Owing to unavoidable circumstances, Arthur L. Prince's "Straight Dope From Down in Dixie Minstrels" was not published in the previous issue.]

C. O. HARDING ON THE WARPATH.

Somebody's Scalp is in Jeopardy.

C. O. Harding, the well-known booking agent, of Chicago, was in the city last week, on a hurried business trip pertinent to his relations with the local colored house in Indianapolis. It is said that a serious estrangement has come about between Mr. Harding and the management of the local playhouse. As a result of the misunderstanding a lawsuit, it is said, is not improbable. It seems from reports that some underhand measures have been taken against Mr. Harding by persons well known in the show world, both in Indianapolis and Chicago. If the accusations of Mr. Harding are proven in court, it is going to be pretty lively scheming to keep somebody from a criminal conviction. It is said that a charge of embezzlement of commissions due will be the charge.

NOTES FROM CLEVER BILLY YOUNG.

I am still playing vaudeville (single) in St. Louis. Have played the Sherman Theater, the Comet, the Bijou Casino, the Liberty, the Palace Theater, the Taylor Easton, and played the Bijou Dream with a five-people big act. Am now at the Carrigan (single), with three weeks to follow under the Carrigan management; then I open at the Delmar and Savoy, under the Gilligan management. I lay off my regular engagement one night, viz., 20th, to play a special engagement under Prof. Arthur Freeman, of the Wheaton Schools, for the benefit of the Benevolent Order of Peerless Knights. I play in connection with a specially engaged artist coming from Chicago, Miss Marie Burton, a noted soprano. This will be a grand social affair, and I expect to hold my own on this occasion. Regards to friends in the profession and success to all.

PARK THEATER, INDIANAPOLIS.

"The White Captive," a stirring melodrama of Western life, comes to the Park Theater, Indianapolis, February 20, for an engagement of three days, with daily matinee. It is from the pen of Robert Wayne.

"The White Captive" combines the rural simplicity of the people of the West with the up-to-date cleverness of the people of the East. The scenes are laid in Arizona, and the characters are Easterners, Indians, cowboys, greasers, half-breeds and cattlemen.

Tom Herrick is the hero and representative of the Carey Aeroplane Company, stationed in the West for purposes of experiment. Here he meets Ruth Fairfax, daughter of Gilbert Fairfax, a rich cattleman. Ruth has been East to a boarding school, and comes home to look after her father's affairs, which have been considerably mixed up by his foreman, "Black Jack" Murray. "Black Jack" is the villain, and he resents Ruth's investigations, using every means to put her out of the way. In each case, however, he is frustrated by Tom Herrick, whose final victory over Murray comes when his airship swoops down, out of the skies and carries off the fair Ruth as she is about to be burned at the stake by a band of Indians, under the guidance of Murray.

The use of wireless apparatus, which puzzles the Indians by receiving messages from the great unknown heavens, is an interesting incident in the play.

The last three days of the week the attraction at the Park will be "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." There is no gainsaying the popularity of this play. It has proven to be an inexhaustible fountain of mirth for all amusement lovers. Mrs. Wiggs has charms that soothe the most hardened theater-goers, and almost all the characters in the play are distinct and highly interesting types. The public has read the books of Mrs. Rice, from which Mrs. Flexner made the dramatization, and is glad to renew acquaintance with Mrs. Wiggs, Lovey Mary, Miss Hazey, Mr. Stubbins, Little Tommy and other delightful characters, and to find a bond of common sympathy and union. It is a piece which, because of its originality and Dickens-like sweetness of humor, genial wit and wholesome philosophy, fulfills its mission of sunshine and fun.

SHOW NEWS OF CHICAGO, ILL.

Theo. Henderson, of Henderson and Thomas, Breaks Down; Is Given a Benefit at the Monogram.

By Sylvester Russell.

There was much commotion among the actors of Chicago, Monday, two weeks ago, when Theodore Henderson, of the well known vaudeville team of Henderson and Thomas, arrived in the city from Oakland, Cal., a physical wreck, accompanied by his wife. Henderson, who had caught a very heavy cold from exposure and carelessness, broke down completely while on the Pacific Coast. His partner, Dike Thomas, was compelled to work alone in order to carry his partner, himself and his partners wife to Chicago. I was present when Mr. Henderson walked into the studio of Prof. William Dorsey, the pianist and arranger, at 3159 State Street, in the rear of the Frank L. Gale Piano Company. Mr. Dorsey was first to come to Mr. Henderson's rescue, and Bert Murphy, who had dropped in, gave $5. When Mr. Henderson took to his bed it was learned that he was a member of the Colored Actors' Benevolent Association. I was at once besieged by actors who were anxious to know what would be done in his behalf by the C. V. B. A. I was informed most liberally that his partner, Dike Thomas, had written to the C. V. B. A. at New York from Oakland, Cal., and received no reply. But mine was a helpless task. I assured the actors that, as a new honorary member, with no credentials, I could do nothing. Directly after the close of this meeting news had flashed around that Davis and Walker had returned from their engagement at Michigan City, and Sam H. M. Davis, an executive officer of the Association, had called a doctor and also assured settlement for all the expenses incurred at Mr. Henderson's boarding residence. At an interview later in the evening at Mott's Pekin Theater, I was present when Mr. Davis politely informed the actors that Mr. Henderson is unfinancial; that he took the money to provide for Henderson out of his own pocket, but had written to the C. V. B. A. in his behalf. When the doctor had made it plain that Mr. Henderson's case is one that will require good care and considerable rest, Harry Goodman, manager of the Samoan Girls, and Clifford Green, an actor, at once suggested that a benefit be given at once in behalf of the sick actor. The two actors went immediately to Mr. Miller, owner of the Monogram Theater, and he and Martin Klein, the business manager, at once turned the popular little house over to the actors for a benefit, which was given on the evening of February 9th, at 11 p. m. Fully forty-five of the finest actors in the city volunteered their services, but enough actors of the best material responded, which made the performance thoroughly enjoyable. The program in full ran as follows: Shelton Brooks and Allie Gillam told why a chicken runs across the street; Le Roy Bland recited; the Lime Kiln Four gave musical selections; Dancing Mayo was a good buck dancer; Sidney Perrin and Goldie Crosby, who had to wear an overcoat, was amusingly clever; Honey Johnson, in a bright monologue, made a hit; Clarence Tisdale sang a tenor selection; Kid Brown and Vance Lowery were banjo experts; Emma Griffin appeared in songs; Joe Simms gave songs and sayings; Dike Thomas, Mr. Henderson's partner, appeared in blackface and was given a great ovation. Bert Murphy was not only the star of the bill, but the people would not let him get through. The Bandana Four closed the bill. Mr. Irvin C. Miller acted as master of ceremonies in his usual refined manner, and thanked the audience in conclusion for their presence. The entire performance, which was under the personal direction of Mr. Harry Goodman, assisted by Cliff Green, was the most successful benefit gotten up in two days I have ever seen in Chicago. Every act was cut down to five minutes, and moved like clockwork. The music was furnished by Prof. Sweatman, Prof. W. H. Dorsey and Mr. George Reeves, of the Monogram orchestra, the three good fellows, the soul mates of actors and the joy of the public. Miss Mabel Griffin was cashier and John Turner door-tender. The receipts, all told, including private contributions from performers and friends, amounted to $88. Just before going to press I called on Mr. Henderson, and found him to be much improved?....On Sunday afternoon, February proved. He was sitting up and had breakfasted on toast and scrambled eggs. He desires to publicly thank the manager of the Monogram and all the actors who appeared and all friends who contributed to the benefit. Mr. Henderson was to have left for his home in Boston, Mass., but, owing to the fact that Dr. C. H. Knight, who is attending him, has proven that he understands the case, and is now building Mr. Henderson's stomach up, and describes his case to be more of a physical breakdown than anything else, he has been removed to the home of the Griffin sisters, 4912 Wabash Avenue, where he will be cared for in a homelike manner by their mother.

Psycho-Gaserino at the Pekin.

The Pekin Theater, with Jesse A. Shipp's small but educated company of musical and dramatic artists, has now become a permanent institution of legitimate art. The merry farce, "Psycho-Gaserino," which had its first try-out on last Monday evening, furnished an abundant amount of comedy and laughter to please the now always enthusiastic audiences which have returned as in days of yore to patronize this house. Shelton Brooks, the black-face comedian, and Allie Gillam, the tramp actor, were the chief fun-makers. Brooks' performance was a shade better artistically this week, and Gillam was only good in spots. Mr. Brooks has yet much to learn, and both comedians will do better if they will forget to laugh at their own jokes and try to make other people laugh as much as possible. Charles Gilpin, a splendid actor, again delivered the goods, as did Billy Johnson, both in song and dialogue. Clarence Tisdale, the tenor, having regained his voice, sang better than on any previous occasion. The quartet, Tisdale, Elkins, Gibbs and Coleman, sang well, but would not take their encore. Jerry Mills, in a new character, was good. Miss Lottie Grady was, as usual, clever and perfectly at home as leading soubrette. Miss Marie Burton, in a classical selection, was at her best vocally. She is improving in her gestures, but her eyes were, as usual, overexpressive. Adah Banks, in a Spanish number, excellently costumed, assisted by Maggie Davis, Gertie Brown, Katie Jones, Ethel Marlowe and Daisy Brown, was nicely performed, and Miss Banks sang better than ever. Mrs. McIntosh, tall, graceful and handsome, read her lines distinctly and acted well, as usual. The music was arranged by Mr. George Bailey, trombonist in the orchestra. Vincent the Wonderful is now wrestling on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

All-Star Bill at the Monogram.

Gilmore, Kinky and Gilmore returned to the Monogram, still popular. The singing of Mrs. Gilmore was most entertaining, and the dancing of little Kinky was equally as strong. Buddy Gilmore, the one nimble dancer, also played upon a bass and trap drum combination, and Mrs. Gilmore played upon the piano. The Griffin sisters opened their second week's engagement at this house, retaining their usual popularity. For the first time their line of talk was really entertaining. They will do well in this new branch, if their discourse is clean and convincing. The Original Rags is with us, too, this week. His new topical song personalities made a hit, and of course he had to spring one on the critic. Allen and Vance, two old-time white performers, were on the bill.

Good Bill at the Grand.

The Abyssinians, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Shelton, I believe, two highly educated singers, appeared to great advantage and succeeded in holding their audience spellbound, in their classical selections in particular, which is rare. The trilling and high execution of Mrs. Brown (formerly with Mr. Downs) was noteworthy. McKissick and Shadney, in a new act never seen here before, were a good feature. Mac is certainly a good actor, and was completely disguised in black face. Miss Shadney was at her best in a Mexican number, well costumed, and her singing, as a matter of course, was of a high order of sweetness. Joe Simms did a big, fat black woman specialty, which told a story of racial love in all the arrogance of its simplicity. The Kestersons, two white boys, who danced well, made good. One was a fairly good singer and the other was a design worker, and a good one.

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Manager William H. Smith has returned to the city from Washington, D. C., where he has managed the Howard Theater. Mr. Smith, who is looking the picture of health, has been on a visit in New York.

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Napoleon Johnson has been removed from the hospital to the home of his brother, George Bailey. He still continues to improve under the excellent treatment of Dr. D. E. Burrows, but is still confined to his bed. His address is 3357 Forest Avenue.

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Sidney L. Perrin has signed with Sim and Harry Williams to write the music and stage the Imperial Burlesque show. These managers also intend to put out a colored burlesque company next season headed by Perrin and Crosby.

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Miss Fannie Wise, who is ill, has temporarily retired from the Pekin Stock Company. She is not confined to her bed, but is under treatment by Dr. Dan Williams, and will have to undergo a slight operation just as soon as she can get her mind collected. In the meantime her friends are hopeful that she will submit to the inevitable without delay.

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The Phyllis Wheatley Home benefit is to be in the way of a matinee given at the Pekin Theater on Tuesday, February 21st, under the direction of Mrs. Ophie Brown Wells. The artists who will appear indicate that this will be a most brilliant society affair, which it should be, for the sake of charity, and liberally attended by everybody.

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"The International Musician" of January 11, 1911, contains an article by Bert Saulsman on the "Vaudeville Musician," which every actor should see. It treats of the inconsideration that actors have for musicians by expecting them to grab every idea in a second, ideas that the actor himself could not have learned in music in years. The entire article is perfect.

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Deas, Reed and Deas will open in New York on the United time, February 20th, at Keith's Yonkers Theater. Lawrence Deas has left for Gotham, where his friends at the C. V. B. A. and elsewhere will be waiting to greet him.

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Harry Messengale, Charles Burton, Jimmie Brown and Will Reynolds, of the Eighth Regiment Band, have formed a musical comedy quartet, to be known as the Lime Kiln Comedy Four.

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At a song recital to be given at Institutional Church on Thursday, April 11th, Mr. William H. Hackney, a tenor singer of known ability, now studying with Mrs. Mangus, the highest salaried teacher in Chicago, in the Fine Arts Building, will appear in a program equal to Bonci. Madame Minne Adams, prima donna soprano, and Kemper Herrald, the violinist, will assist. William Johnson is Mr. Hackney's manager.

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Lew Payton and company, in "The Hen Roost Inspectors," a vaudeville skit dealing with chickens, is playing over W. S. Cleveland's circuit for eighteen weeks, with special scenery. Managers who have seen the act consider it the best idea of the kind they have thus far seen. This act has already been booked by Mr. Casey over the Eastern United time, including four weeks in New York City. He who is the star is billed as Lanky Lew Payton.

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J. Ed. Green's death is especially mentionable at this period of a variated crisis in the Negro profession. He has now been dead one year—Sunday, February 19, 1911. The memorial of this occasion is that he is still missed and was much beloved by all who knew him personally and as a brilliant stage producer. May he still rest in peace and happiness.

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THE GAITHER, CINCINNATI, O.

The Gaither has a good, strong bill. Bowman and St. Clair are back again as a team, and, strange as it may seem, they went exceedingly well, after having appeared here so often both in single and double acts. Another team of Taylor and Taylor are on the bill at this house this week. This team also has been seen here before with as neat an act as we have ever seen in Brownsville. This is one of the unique acts of the profession. They handle themselves like two young people, both singing and dancing well, and are first-class entertainers, and no one ever realizes that the team is mother and son. The Gaither should do a nice business all week.

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THE PEKIN, CINCINNATI, O.

The show at the Pekin this week is drawing well. Taylor and Taylor have been added to the bill, together with the Dahomian Trio, who were held over for another week. Taylor and Taylor were seen on the street about a year ago. At that time they made quite an impression. The team shows that they have lost none of their ability to entertain, and soon had the crowd with them. We could stand several weeks of the comedy furnished by the Dahomian Trio. Miss Lucy Shepherd seems to gain in popularity each week. The entire show is good. The Dahomian Trio are using one of their new acts this week and the boys are showing to their best form. Murphy and Francis and Miss Mary Jones will furnish the entertainment for this house next week.

HUSTON THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

"The Assassination of Mr. Chelstie," a melodrama in three acts, was fairly good. The song used in change of scenes was fine. "Madame Elsie, the Adventuress," was featured by Mrs. Goodloe, and the part suited her ability as an actress. Mrs. Lillian Brown Mason, the heroine of the play, and her lover, Elmore Taylor, who was saved in the nick of time from hanging, by old "Charter Joe" (John Goodloe), and the heavy part by Green, "the villain," were not as strong as the parts they played last week. The pictures were fine.

SAYS HE CAN'T GET HIS MONEY.

Springfield, O., February 11, 1911.

Mr. Knox:

Dear Sir—As you are a performer's friend and can stop the ill treatment shown performers every now and then, we ask you to say a word in our behalf.

Here in this city you positively can not get your money for your act. This is at the Savoy Theater. The performers, of course, can't care for their expenses, running the risk of being locked up for board money. The manager claims to be broke, and we are hung up here and can't get away. So please put this in the paper for me. A colored man runs the house. His name is Williams. Nothing can be done, because he declares he is broke.

Yours respectfully,
THE MORRISYS COLORED PERFORMERS.

THE FLORIDA BLOSSOMS EN ROUTE.

The Florida Blossoms are now playing the land of the flowers (Florida), and have been for the last two months. Business has been so encouraging that the management decided not to close, as has been usual each season. This show has built a reputation throughout the country that any show should be proud of. They are now entering into their fifth successful season, carrying two cars and forty people, and a fifteen piece Challenge Brass Band, which is the talk of each city they appear in. This show is owned and managed entirely by Negroes, carrying a daily expense of $150. Miss Worthy, the owner and manager, has high hopes of the coming season.

ST. LOUIS THEATRICAL NOTES.

Barrett's Theatorium is still playing to capacity houses nightly. Much credit is due Mr. Sam Gardner, who is our producer, for the good shows he has been putting on.

This week's play, "The Missing Heiress," is a big hit, and there have been several requests for it to be held over another week. The songs are catchy and receive many encores. "The Man Who Owns Broadway," which is sung by Winton Williams, late of the Cole & Johnson show, is a hit. "Stop, Stop, Stop," by Gonzell White, is another hit. Madame Wilkins is singing "Dying Rag," and receives her share of applause. Sanford Williams, the ventriloquist, was an added attraction this week.

Sam P. Gardner, who has been very ill for a few days, is improving.

While in the city last Wednesday, Mr. Chas. O. Harding was the guest of Manager Barrett.

ABOVE THE AVERAGE AS ENTAINERS.

The Moores—John and Lila—are way above the average as entertainers. Comedians of Mr. Moore's type are few and far between. He has made a study of these two characters, Italian and Hebrew, to keep the two brogues apart. It means very clever work on the part of Mr. Moore. His wife is a very dainty little soubrette, possessing a dainty little voice. They are yet playing the Pekin Theater, Richmond, Va. They send regards to Long Willie and Lula F. Sweet. Where are you? Elbert White and wife, why don't you write? Please Jenkins and all friends in and out of the profession.

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ROUTE.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF HOLLAND & FILKINS—Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 19; Clifton, 20; Morenci, 21; Deming, N. M., 22; Silver City, 23; El Paso, Tex., 24, 25; Marfa, 27; Alpine, 28.

S. H. DUDLEY, STARRING IN "HIS HONOR, THE BARBER"—Peoria, Ill., Feb. 19, 20, 21; Springfield, 23; Pana, 24; Decatur, 25; Chicago, 26.

SMART SET COMPANY (SOUTHERN)—Belleville, Ill., Feb. 19; Olney, 20; Vincennes, Ind., 21; Princeton, 22; Mt. Vernon, 23; Henderson, 24; Owensboro, 25; Frankfort, 27.

CONGO KING COMPANY, UNDER DIRECTION OF W. A. THOMAS—Coon Rapids, Ia., Feb. 21, 22; Boone, 23; Rippey, 24; Perry, 25, 26; Nevada, 27.

A RABBIT'S FOOT COMPANY, UNDER DIRECTION OF PAT CHAPPELLE—Hastings, Fla., Feb. 18; Palatka, 20; Hawthorne, 21; Reddick, 22; Mecanopy, 23; Interlachen, 24; Green Cove Springs, 25. End of season. Permanent address, Box 802, Jacksonville, Fla.

BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY—Danville, Va., Feb. 20; Greensboro, N. C., 21; Winston-Salem, 22; Durham, 23; Roanoke, Va., 24; Lynchburg, 25.

THOMAS AND WARD, THE DANCING DEMON AND HIS KID SOUBRETTE—Empire Theater, Tonopah, Nev., week of Feb. 19.

HARRISON BROS.' MINSTRELS—Caldwell, Tex., Feb. 20; Milano, 21; Cameron, 22; Buckholts, 23; Rogers, 24; Temple, 25.

J. M. BUSBY'S WORLD'S GREATEST MINSTREL SHOWS—Caldwell, Tex., Feb. 21; Cameron, 22.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Anderson, Prof. Dick	Upon, Maxie.
Galloway, Joe.	Viney, Whit (2)
Edwards, B. E.	Wolfscale, Prof.
Denniss, John	Wilson, George
Harris, Clemo	Wamego—Hindoo Juggler
Kennedy, W. Goff	Williams, Prof. Eph (2)
Lockhart, Carter	Young, John N.
Puggsley, Wm.	
Turner, Alonzo	
Nealey, Walter.	

Ladies' List.

Dorsey, Miss Mattie.	Miller, Miss Mercelle
Hollins, Miss Lula.	Price, Miss Katie.
Jones, Miss Tina.	Parker, Miss Maggie

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It's a problem that has driven many brainy men to drink;
It's the weirdest thing they've tried to figure out,
About a thousand different theories the scientists all know,
But never yet have proved a reason why;
With all our thought, and all we're taught, all we seem to know—
We're born and live awhile—and then we die.

REFRAIN.

Life's a very funny proposition, after all;
Imagination, jealousy, hypocrisy and gall,
Three meals a day,
A whole lot to say;
When you haven't got the coin you are always in the way.
Ev'ry day we're fighting as we wend our way along,
And ev'ry fellow claims the other's in the wrong.
Hurried and worried
Until we're buried.
And there's no curtain call.
Life's a very funny proposition, after all.

II.

When all things are coming easy and when luck is with a man,
Then life to him is sunshine ev'rywhere;
When the Fates blow rather breezy and they quite upset a plan,
Then he'll cry Life's a burden hard to bear.
Though today may be a day of smiles, tomorrow's still in doubt.
What brings me joy may bring you care and woe.
We're born to die, but don't know why, nor what's it all about;
The more we try to learn the less we know.

REFRAIN.

Life's a very funny proposition, you can bet;
And no one's ever solved the problem properly as yet.
Young for a day,
Then old and gray,
Like the rose that buds and blooms and fades and falls away.
Losing health to gain our wealth as through this dream to tour;
Ev'rything's a guess—there's nothing absolutely sure,
Battles exciting,
And Fates we're fighting,
Until the curtain's fall.
Life's a very funny proposition, after all.
—George M. Cohan.

STAGE NOTES.

Richards and Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels have just closed a successful engagement at San Francisco.

Jas. Shaw sends regards to the Boyds—Al and Estelle—also the Harrison Bros.' bunch. Willie Timmons please write.

Fred Simpson, trombonist, of Richard and Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels, is a furore on the Pacific coast. They are simply wild about him.

Wm. H. Reid the well known bandmaster, has contracted with the following persons for his Sells-Floto show. Bessie Winton, Rosey Modley and Florence Martin.

THE DARKTOWN SWELLS.

Robert C. White, manager and proprietor of the "Darktown Swells," closed his show in Brenham, Tex., and jumped to Tampa, Fla., to take half interest in Mike Smith's Minstrels. On his way from Texas he stopped over twenty-four hours in New Orleans to visit some of his old comrades—Zeno Green, the coming lightweight champion and J. B. Dewberry, the tonsorial artist, and then to Jacksonville, Fla., for twelve hours to spend with his old schoolmates, Kenner and Lewis, whom he wishes success. Mr. White has joined his entire company with Mr. Mike Smith's company and has made it extra large. It has a fourteen-piece band. This show is the only "Darktown Swells" on the road. Mr. Jos. A. Haberman closed with this company in Texas, and went to the winter quarters of the carnival, but not the "Darktown Swells," as mentioned through Freeman last week. Mr. Haberman will be seen in the elaborate minstrel setting of this show now in Alabama. The show goes to Macon, Ga., for rehearsals; has its own new scenery and costumes.

OPENING OF THE NEW SAVOY THEATER, MEMPHIS.

By Lou Hall.

The Savoy Theater which burned down New Year's night is now rebuilt and looking finer than ever. It is now the finest colored theater in the South. This theater, which had been advertised to be opened Sunday, February 5th, which it did, but was not entirely completed.

At 7 o'clock Sunday evening people were waiting from the lobby to the opposite side of the street for the doors to be opened. At 8 o'clock the house was packed to its capacity. The curtain went up with a gingery chorus of ten sprightly maids singing with success, "Honey Boy," assisted by Dave Purdue, Billy Arnte. Principal in their support were Charlie Porter and David Schaffer, two clever comedians, which gave them both ample opportunity to display their talents. A good all around entertaining bill was offered. The feature of the program was another up-to-date musical farce entitled, "The Man from Broadway," which carried a laugh from start to finish.

Porter and Porter then opened up the vaudeville, dancing and singing with success. David Shaffer, the boy wonder as a monologist, also made good. Mattie Whitman "the girl with the eyes," and the sweet voice, made a hit for true. Alberta Smiley, the dainty soubrette, was pleasing as ever; also Laura Smith.

RICHARD & PRINGLE'S FAMOUS GEORGIA MINSTRELS

Richard & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels just closed a successful week at the Princess Theater, San Francisco, Cal. The show pleased the immense crowds that packed the theater at every performance and the concert band, under the direction of Fred W. Simpson, was a revelation. Never before did a minstrel band draw the crowds that this band drew. The following selections were rendered by the band during the week: "William Tell," "Bohemian Girl," "Faust," "Tannhauser," "Pique Dame," "Riggoletto," "Il Trovatore," "Sextette from Lucia," "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" (fantasia), "Old Folks at home" (fantasia), "Cavalry Charge," "Sky Pilot," "Woodland," "Three Twins," "Champion."

The personel of the band is as follows: Clarence P. Jones, piccolo; Edgar Campbell, clarinet; Sylvester Williams, clarinet; George Williams, solo cornet; Frank Debroite, solo cornet; Wiliam Triggs, cornet; Walter Lee, cornet; Alonzo Williams, first horn; W. A. Kelley, second horn; Johnny Long, third horn; Fred W. Simpson, Trombone; Wm. Hulett, trombone; Steve Adams, baritone; Wm. Israel, E flat bass; Jas Johnson, bass drum; Chas. Gilham, snare drum, J. A. Watts, cymbals. A glance at the above is sufficient to justify the Richards & Pringle's Minstrel Co. in claiming to have the finest minstrel cornet band in the world, bar none. We have about finished our tour of the Pacific coast and are headed your way. Greetings to all.

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DALLAS, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Evergreen Lodge proved to be the banner lodge in the Thirteenth Masonic District session, which closed here Friday night, there being several progressive lodges in the district which hotly contested, but the votes put them all out. The session closed in due form and harmony, and showed a large gain over the past period to craftsmen here....Rev. Dr. Canines, formerly pastor of St. Paul M. E. Church, spent several days here visiting friends and relatives. He is a stanch evangelist of that connection and has traveled extensively of late....See O. C. Richardson, 2207 1-2 Elm street, for that spring suit....Mr. Wash. Winn, the founder of the Free Will Baptist Church in this city, died at his residence last Tuesday morning, after a short illness. Services were held at the corner of Cochran and Hall streets, Thursday, at 11 o'clock, and they were very impressive and largely attended. Much of his life work was reviewed and a glowing tribute was paid the deceased by the many preachers who participated in the services. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved members of the family and friends. The procession was one of the largest seen here for a long time for a member of the race who was not a member of some lodge or society. Many floral pieces covered the beautiful casket. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery, directed by W. E. Ewing....Mrs. Belle Hights returned to Clarksville, after visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. Hunt Duty, on San Jacinto street, for several months. ....The mild weather hasbeen a great help to many of us who could not have properly met old crimp, had he come with much colder weather than we have been having so far this winter. Rain is a much-needed visitor to one and all any time it comes, because we have been needing it all the past year for all purposes....There are so many rumors out these days on the city election dope that it is puzzling to the wise ones to hear of so many kinds of parties who are office seekers. There will be nobody to vote only for some one who is seeking office among the whites. We have no news up to now of any colored candidate out for an office job....The Maud Currey-Haer, etc., white reception, while here, was all that it could be in point of high-class entertainment, and the kind that pleased a critical people. The applause was great. The home talent came in for a lion's share of it. The event proved a financial success for the promoters of St. James A. M. E. Church....As agent and reporter for the people in the city, it is my aim to let all persons have the benefit of these columns at all times, in order to increase the business of the paper in this part of the country, so if it's news, we want it; if it's business, local, national, church, lodge, societies, clubs, or whatever it may be, of interest to readers, we ask your co-operation in getting it to the people who read. Send it to J. G. Griffin, at 2922 Cochran street, or 800 Main street, new numbers. Ads. at areasonable rate. Your business cards will bring you good financial returns in the columns of The Freeman weekly. Try it....Miss Verona Wells, of Clarksville, is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Will Scott, on San Jacinto street....Mr. J. D. Jackson is now located at 2520 Bryan street, with the very best artists to be had in the business....Roberts and Robinson opened their doors to the public at 2211 Elm street, and ask that you call and see them....Mrs. W. E. Carter, of this city, was called to McGregor to the bedside of her mother, several days ago. Later she notified her husband that the grim reaper had claimed that which was all to her. Just a few weeks ago Mr. Carter lost his mother very suddenly in Meridian, Miss. We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Carter in these sad hours....Alfred B. Stokes, cornetist, died Saturday morning after an illness of some duration, at the family residence, corner Flora and Fairmount streets. Services were held at the old Bethel A. M. E. Church, corner Leonard and Cochran streets. The musicians of the bands of the city were out in large number, and friends of the family showed much sympathy for Mother Stokes and the bereaved ones. Revs. Johnson and Abbington officiated in their usual way of picturing the ways of the non-believer to see the right. Interment was at Greenwood Cemetery.... Rev. M. E. Payne was here hand-shaking with many of his Dallas friends this week, and looking after his property interests.... Each member of Mrs. Jennie Heflin's family, just returned home from Palestine, reports the best of pleasure while there....Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kersands were here to attend the funeral of Alfred B. Stokes last Sunday, from the East, where they are playing in vaudeville....When will the masses of the Negro race concentrate their means, so as to establish business enterprises here and there, so that the younger members of the race will have something to feel a keener interest in the mercantile progress of the race in a business way, and the saving habit, which is the backbone of other races? Where are the church and society leaders of to-day? Be up and doing....Coleman Edwards, of Kersands, was a big hit. Reid Conner, as straight man, is very good. Laura S. Logan, with her high, rich, sweet soprano voice, made a decided hit. All over the house could be heard, "What a grand, sweet voice." Every move of Laura Logan when on the stage, is a trained move, having worked under some of the strictest managers in the business. She had such teachers as Ernest Hogan and Ed Green, of Chicago, also Prof. Henderson Smith. Although young, she is rapidly coming to the front. She is a success as a soubrette and character artist....The Freeman is well received. Everybody is wild over this newsy paper.

JOPLIN, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Freeman is growing as the new grass in the spring....Mr. and Mrs. James H. Cox were invited guests of Mr. and Mrs. Meyers of Riverton last Tuesday, returning home in the early morning train. They had a fine time....The J. C. B. M. League met in the Frisco building rooms at 8:30 p. m., Tuesday, and transacted some important business for the advancement of the colored men of our city and also the Negro race. The aim of all Negroes should be to see that our sons and daughters get an education. With this accomplished there will be no necessity of sending East for instructores for our schools, but our own people can fill the positions....Dr. J. H. Williams, of the Mahra College, has located in our city, and has purchased an elegant home for his family in the south part of the city. His office is at 105 Main street, upstairs. He has taken membership in the Joplin Colored Business Men's League and will lecture to club members at the next meeting on the subject, "Never Look Backward"....C. H. Knaves, vice president of the J. C. B. M. L., will lecture upon the subject, "Wherever There Is Unity There You'll Find Strength"....N. Clay and Mrs. Hendricks and daughter Nellie returned last Wednesday from Springfield, Mo., where they went to pay the last respects to the sister and friend, Mrs. Mary McCracken, who died in Joplin on January 28....Miss Nora Cunningham passed through our city enroute to Kansas City from Springfield, Mo., where she went to bury her sister.... Miss Iva Cunningham went to Bartellsville, Okla., last week, where she has secured a good position as a domestic in a good family....Joplin will furnish two tryouts for the colored National League of Ballplayers with ansas City—Messrs. E. Wright and H. Johnson....Rev. Calhoun, pastor of the Unity Baptist church, preached to a good audience Sunday night....Rev. C. W. Newton, of the A. M. E. church, preached to a fair sized audience Sunday night....Rev. C. W. Webster, pastor of the M. E. church, preached to a large congregation Sunday night....Mr. M. Lowe, brother-in-law of G. W. Walker, agent and reporter for The Freeman, lost his grandmother, Mrs. Lowe, aged 110 years. He death was caused by a fall from which she never recovered. She was laid to rest in the family vault in Labette county, Kansas, last Sunday....Mr. Henry Bun, a young barber from Baxter Springs, Kan., has accepted a position in Rev. H. H. Curtis' shop, 124 Joplin street, and you will find everything first class if you give them a call when in the city.... Fuller and Fuller, a musical team from Cuba, known as the Famous Cuban Musical Duo, are showing at the Star Theater this week, and will then go to the Alco. They are open for bookings at present. Address them in care of The Freeman after this week....You can get The Freeman in Joplin by calling up Home phone 868 Blue, or calling at 317 Main street, opposite the Comer Hotel. George W. Walker is the agent.

COLUMBUS, O.

Churches, Society and Theatrical Happenings by Our Correspondent.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. James Ferguson and Miss Alice Lowery were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson, 562 Edwards street Sunday afternoon, after which luncheon was served....Mr. C. B. Moore, of 700 Mt. Vernon avenue, was called out of the city last Tuesday on business....There will be a pink social at the residence of Mrs. Eva Tapsico, 233 N. Sixth street, on Thursday evening, February 16, given under the auspices of the Baptist church of Shiloh. All are welcome. Admission 10 cents....The W. W. Lyceum of the Shiloh Baptist church elected the following officers for the ensuing term: W. H. Bailey, president; J. L. Thomas, vice president; Harriet Fegruson, secretary; Walter Langdon, financial secretary; Mrs. Daisy J. Burr, treasurer; Mrs. Emma Durrant, choister; Miss Scioto Tapsico, organist; Mrs. C. B. Moore and Mr. James Fegruson, local news editor, and W. R. Campbell, critic. The officers were installed by the pastor, Rev. W. L. Burr, D. D....Rev. Beasley preached the baptismal sermon at the Shiloh Baptist church and the ordinance was administered by the Rev. W. L. Burr to twenty-seven persons, while sixty-eight united with the church. The communion service was largely attended in the afternoon. Rev. Beckham, national field organizer of the Home Missionary Society, of Nashville, Tenn., preached at the evening service, and the house was crowded. After stating his work, a collection was taken for him. The collections amounted $68.50....J. L. Thomas, 227 St. Clair avenue, was in Toledo Sunday on a business trip....Miss Ednot Stewart, 255 Cleveland avenue, is on the sick list.... There was a tin shower given to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walls, 261 Thorn street. Mr. Cassius Moore, formerly of the Windy City, rendered a solo that held everybody spellbound. There were some out-of-town people present....Mr. Gouct has received an appointment as a substitute patrolman and is now on duty. He has the best wishes of his many friends for his success....The W. W. Lyceum of the Shiloh Baptist church will give a valentine social at the residence of Miss Martha Smith, 332 Lexington avenue, Tuesday evening. All are welcome. Admission 10 cents....Mrs. Ruth Watson, of E. Fourth street, is on the sick list.... Mr. Samuel Stewart will again appear at the Dunbar Theater next week with something new. It is not necessary to give the details of his show, as you who know him or ever heard of him, know that you get your money's worth. Tickets for sale at Junison & Junison, 78 E. Long street.

HENDERSON, KY.

Doings of the Churches and Society.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. L. S. Posey preached for Rev. Wm. Price at the First Baptist Church, Sunday, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Rev. Price being out of the city....Miss Emma Norris, who has been visiting friends and relatives in the city, returned to her home in Madisonville, Ky., Tuesday, January 31, 1911.... Read The Freeman, which can be found at 420 Alvasia street....Mrs. Lucy Posey, wife of Rev. L. S. Posey, who has been ill, is convalescing....The remains of Dr. C. E. Gowdy arrived in the city about 4 a. m., Monday, from El Paso, Tex., whence he had gone for the benefit of his health.... The Literary Society of the Free Baptist Church, which meets each Monday evening, was well attended last Monday evening.... The foregoing reminds us; what has become of the Literary Society organized at the First Baptist Church?....Are you a regular Freeman reader? If not, begin now.... Mrs. Virgie Ball, of South Adam street, who has been very ill, is better at this writing....Mr. James Bell, Fagan street, left for Corydon, Ky., Monday evening....Mr. Chas. Beverly has returned to the city, after a four years' sojourn in Indianapolis, Ind., and is busy at his trade, upholstering and shoe repairing, at the corner of Dixon and Alves streets....Charles Edward Carr, Jr., who got hold of and swallowed some carbolic acid several days ago, is now out of danger....Miss Julia Ball, daughter of Rev. Elvin Ball, formerly of this city, and Mr. Johnson, of Morganfield, Ky., were married in this city several days ago.... Miss Lagoulia Todd andMr. Hall Alves, both of this city, were quietly married recently. ....Dame rumor says Miss Lizzie Garrett and Mr. Melvin Bell were quietly married at the home of the groom, North Ingram street....Remember, The Freeman can be found at 420 Alvasia street.

MT. VERNON, O.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Elite Club, consisting of Mrs. Dana Jones, president; Miss Stella Bradfield, secretary; Mrs. atie Selly, treasurer; Mrs. John Payne, Mrs. George Sites, Miss Beulah Jones, Miss Gertrude Rouse and Mrs. Ben McGee, will give the first grand ball, February 17, at the K. of P. Armory. Music will be furnished by Sribner's orchestra.... Mr. Albert Roy, who underwent an operation at the St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, for the removal of a cataract from his eye, is doing nicely....Mrs. Charles Hamilton and her daughter Edith, of Prospect street, who are on the sick list, are better....Miss Lenoda Williams, of 201 N. Norton street, entertained the Twenty Century Club Monday, February 6, and the afternoon was spent in business, after which the hostess served a dainty luncheon. The club will meet Monday, February 13, at the residence of Mrs. Arthur Fry, S. Mulberry street.... The Household of Ruth will give a valentine social and musical at Odd Fellows' Hall February 14. Everybody invited to attend, dressed as a valentine. Admission 10 cents. Wayman Chapel, A. M. E., held services at 10:30 and 7:30, morning and evening respectively, last Sunday, the pastor preaching at both services. The Sunday school was held at 9:30 a. m....Club No. 2, with Mrs. Cheeny Mayle captain, will hold an exchange bazaar and buffet lunch from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Everybody invited to attend....Mrs. S. J. Summons, of S. Gay street, is confined to her bed with a severe attack of la grippe. ....Mrs. J. W. Hackley, who has been on the sick list for some time, does not seem to improve much....Mr. Robert Goins is improving....Calvary Baptist church held its regular services last Sunday, and the Lord's Supper was administered at 3 p. m.

DES MOINES, IOWA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

You can get The Freeman at 1308 W. Walnut street, when in Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Maude Brewton is the agent....Des Moines people are waiting eagerly for the Smart Set, which plays here on February 16, 17 and 18....Mr. Glenn is laying off in Des Moines. He is a cook on a private car....Arthur Johnson, the Des Moines ball player, would like to hear from the manager of some fast ball team. Address the colored Y. M. C. A., 9th and Park streets, Des Moines, Iowa....John Mitchell, who was with Prof. R. Roy Pope's Annex Band the later part of last season, is playing trap drums at the Family Theater, in Des Moines....Whitfield and May, a couple of Des Moines' smallest stage artists, are making good. All they need is someone to manage them....Ernest Owsley, the Des Moines champion middleweight wrestler (colored) failed to throw three men in one hour at the Y. M. C. A. Friday night. He is a coming star in the and boxing and mat games, and challenges anyone at 144 pounds....Fred Mitchell was entertained by friends this week....Spencer Ellisom has returned home from the Orpheum Circuit.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.

The St. Philip church benefit given by the Y. P. D. Club, under the direction of Mrs. E. Sanders, presented "Mr. Bab," a two-act comedy, January 30. The play was both humorous and pleasing, barring a few stage waits. The attendance was good, considering the storm that raged. Wheaton's orchestra furnished some fine music...."The Nigger," a drama, at the Auditorium, is being favorably received, though more or less repellant at times, dealing as it does with the race question. We may appreciate the author's feeble attempt to expose the social status between the two races. The play is not constructed for the Negro, and is only satisfactory to the white people because the hero (a Negro character) recedes froh his social position, sacrificing everything, even to honor, and assumes the position allotted to our white brother. This with some good bits of acting proves a good finale....The Y. M. C. A. management is formulating plans for a campaign to erect a new building....Prof. Bynum, director of the A. M. E. choir, quietly donned the matrimonial yoke recently....The Chinese are celebrating their new year here, which is interesting to the tourist and the tenderfoot....Get The Freeman from L. G. Eggleston, 812 Maple avenue.

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In the Field of Sport.

BY HAROLD C. McGATH.

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(To J. Arthur Johnson, with apolozies to a cartoon.)

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Dear Arth' when you are gray,
And old enough to chew salt hay—
As to the belt you cling?

What will the automobilers say
To you, dear Arth' when racing's bad;
And funds are low, and you are sad
What will the song birds sing?

What would the sporting Darkies all say
Of you, dear Arth' if in some bout
A white man's hope should knock you out
You would be a thing!

Who'll sing the tune of the White Man's Hope
To you, dear Arth', when you can't win,
But find relief in drinking jin—
Who'll yell: "Let music ring!"

How would the dope of the white hope sound
To you, dear Arth', if you'd retire
Right now and set the world on fire—
Who'd cry: "The fallen king?"

—SYLVESTER RUSSELL.

SPORTING NEWS.

Iler Vincent, the Negro wrestler, won from Hamid Kalla Pasha, Turk, at Chicago, February 3.

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Cyclo, of Cyclo and Cyclop, is one of the few colored female boxers now before the country.

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Kid Green, better known as Earl Terry, met Kid Collins, "Chicken," in a six-round bout at Memphis, Tenn., last week. Kid Green made Collins quit in the second.

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The New Orleans baseball club will play its first game with the Kansas City Royal Giants March 5. In its itinerary this season it will take in New York for two months.

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The Fay Avenue Giants, of Memphis, Tenn., announce themselves as ready for the baseball season. They will take the field April 15. The first game will be with the St. Louis Giants March 26 and 27. They own their own park and will be the leading club of Memphis. W. S. Hunt is manager.

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CYCLO AND CYCLOP.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Cyclo and Cyclop (champion all-around athletes) closed their two weeks' engagement Sunday night at the Pekin Theater, Memphis, Tenn. They went big in their original comedy acrobatic stunt, "The Tramp and the Globe Trotter." On Friday night they sparred three fast and furious rounds. The people were delighted, and yelled at seeing how Cyclo defended herself by hitting right and left and her clever ducking. She is the best colored female boxer now on the road.

ROYAL GIANTS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Manager Geo. Walden, of the Kansas City Royal Giants, has called his warriors together for inspection, and says they look most "fitten." Most of the old men have been retained and some very clever new ones have been added. From the outlook the Royals will be the only team in Kansas City, as it was proven last season that Kansas City cannot support two salaried Negro teams. The contract has been let for building additional seating capacity for 2,000 more, making a total seating capacity of 5,000. The diamond will be one of the best in the country. Teams wishing dates here should get in touch with the manager.

NEGRO WRESTLER.

"Vincent the Wonderful" Wins from Hamid Kalla Pasha.

The Pekin Theater, Chicago, was packed Friday, February 3, when Iler Vincent, the greatest black wrestler in the world, won legitimately from Hamid Kalla Pasha, a top-heavy Turk, in spite of fouls. The match was to have been best two in three, but after the Turk had bitten Vincent on the thigh, Manager Motts called the match off. Vincent had slipped and fell on his back, carrying Pasha down on top of him, and the referee gave the decision to Pasha. Great excitement prevailed at the decision, so Mr. Motts thought best to defer the match until a later date. There will be another meet next Friday evening. Manager Motts has announced that he will give any colored wrestler fifty dollars who can stay up with Vincent for five minutes.

NAVASOTA, TEXAS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Lessie Robinson and Mr. H. P. Payne were quietly married, February 6, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, of this city, only a few intimate friends of the family being present. Rev. F. B. Williams, of Friendship Baptist Church, officiated. At the conclusion of the marriage ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Payne and the invited guests were served with a sumptuous repast. Miss Robinson, one of our most highly esteemed young ladies, is a graduate of the Navasota Colored High School. She has recently been teaching in the Grimes county public schools. Mr. Payne, a most excellent young gentleman, has recently come to our city from Tyler, Tex. He is now holding an important position at the Hoyle Hotel....Miss Fanny Singleton, whose nuptials were to have been celebrated in a few days, died suddenly February 2, at her home near this city....Subscribe for The Freeman. Agency at Neal's store.

BLACK MEN IN THE SPOTLIGHT.

Johnson May Have to Take One On—White Hopes in the Budding.

A good deal has been written and said lately about "hopes" of the white race in the pugilistic line. It all comes of the overwhelming desire to locate a paleface capable of subduing one Jack Johnson, and it almost looks as though those who wish to see the supremacy in fisticuffs restored to the Caucasian race are overlooking the fact that Johnson is not by any means the only dark sheep in the fighting fold. There are enough colored heavyweights in sight to form a drill corps or tour the country as a Georgia minstrel show if boxing should fall into disfavor.

In addition to Johnson we have the two Sams—Langford and McVey—Joe Jeannette and the new man, Hank Griffin. And that looks like an ace-high spade flush.

Of this bunch, of course, Johnson is best. For second choice Sam Langford would probably receive the popular vote, although from the way the light-heavy Hank Griffin is coming on it looks as though Sam has a formidable rival for the distinction of being the next best in the colored phalanx.

Sam McVey is big and muscular, and when he left these hospitable shores was not regarded as the possessor of any particular degree of class. He has, however, gained a world of experience, and the confidence which is born of experience by years of milling in the French capital. It stands to reason that he must have improved to a considerable extent, and that he would prove a hard nut to crack for any of the budding hopes of the white race.

Joe Jeannette, who is a much lighter man than McVey, once bested big Sam in a contest in Paris, and as Jeannette has been defeated a couple of times since then by Sam Langford, there is justification for classing Langford higher than either McVey or Jeannette.

When all is said, the colored heavies present a big front, and if they were to form a union for the purpose of preserving the championship of the Negro race, the bravest of white "hopes" would admit that the task of recapturing the title is not quite as easy as it might at first appear.

A glance at the pugilistic band of hope as it is at present doesn't warrant the belief that a white man is to stand for the champion in the very near future. With Tommy Burns doubtful as to his ability to take up the game again, Al Kaufman is the one on whom the sporting public places the most reliance. Al, however, has not displayed any symptoms of world-beating capacity after six years of professional fighting. He is big, brave and bonny, but as a boxer he is anything but brisk. We could get a better line on him probably if his long-threatened match with Sam Langford could be brought to a head and carried through.

Tommy Burns is anxious to take up the activities of the ring again, but he is the proprietor of a game knee, and is not sure as yet whether his crippled leg will stand training. Burns was always a conscientious worker, and, by the same token, a capable fighter, and if he decides it is safe to go ahead with his plans for re-entering the ring he will probably prove that he can hold his own with any of the other whites who have designs on Johnson's laurels.

It may be, though, that Burns will never be quite as good as he was before he lost his title to Johnson. After that affair he fell into flesh, and it is a notorious fact that very few ring men have ever got back to their original form after taking off the weight that accumulates during a long period of idleness.

Bill Lang, by whom promoter Hugh D. McIntosh places such store, is not thought extra well of by the sports of this country, while Jack Lester, the novice who has been taken in hand by Tommy Burns, is little better than a middleweight.

Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant, who is cutting somewhat of a swath, to see spring come, in order to see the has not been put to any serious test as yet. While his work so far may be considered satisfactory, even those who believe that the future looks bright for him think it would be folly to send him against Langford or Johnson at this stage of the game.

For that matter, every manager who has in hand the developing of a "hope"—and there are quite a number of them—is possessed of the idea that this new heavyweight must be sent to the front slowly and not asked to attempt too much in the beginning. It is a wise precaution, probably, but it causes one's mind to revert to the rock-ribbed, stout-hearted novices who did not require babying.

Take Tom Sharkey, for instance. Why, that fellow was discovered one day and was fighting champions the next. In a measure, Jim Jeffries's experiences were the same, and so it was, too, in the case of Gus Ruhlin.

These huskies had to take the rough from the smooth from the first moment they embarked in pugilism, and they rounded their careers in good shape, even though they were not initiated into the mysteries of the fistic game by the feeding bottle route.

The main purpose of this article is to show that as the fighting situation stands there is need for every white man's hope that can be located. Comparison between the white and black will make it apparent that dusky-skinned heavyweights at present before the public are not inferior to the whites.—W. W. Naughton, in Cincinnati Enquirer.

PITTSBURG BOXER WINS IN OVERTIME

Sends Morgan to Floor for Count in Eleventh Round at Wonderland Pavilion.

BIG CROWD WITNESSES SHOW

Reopening of Boxing Game Attracts Ring Followers and Building is Filled.

Hard luck camped on the trail of Jack Morgan, who was defeated by George Chipp, of Pittsburg, in the eleventh round of what was scheduled for ten rounds last week as the opening show of the Washington Athletic Club. It was a slashing good contest, and honors were fairly even until the last two rounds, but even if the tenth round had ended the milling Morgan could hardly have gained a draw, for Chipp floored him for the count of eight in the fourth round and started to make a whirlwind finish in the tenth round.

After the fourth round, when Morgan came back strong, spectators, officials, principals and seconds alike lost count. So the crowd that filled the Wonderland pavilion got more than its money's worth for the extra inning worked up to a climax that left no doubt of Morgan's defeat.

For ten rounds Morgan made a good showing, but Chipp was too strong and shifty for him. Chip watched Morgan's right closely and the only times he gave Jack an opening for his haymaker Morgan put over good stiff blows, but none of his few right swings landed in the vital spot. Chip used his left hand to good advantage, but he showed his ability as a shifty two-handed boxer by ending the bout with a right swing.

Morgan Under Weight.

The boxers weighed in the afternoon of the fight at 154 pounds, but Morgan appeared to be several pounds lighter than Chip. He was nursing a bruised eye and an injured right hand, received in his training work, but he was trained down in good form and held the Pittsburg boy to even terms in the first three rounds.

In the first round they sparred, feeling each other out and resorting to left jabs. Chip failed to do any damage with his left in the second round and missed a right swing. Morgan landed a hard left and Chip put over a left hook. There was an exchange of light rights and lefts at the bell.

They set a more lively pace in the third round. Morgan shot over a left and Chip got away with three left jabs without a return. Then Morgan, who had been saving his right, got in a good blow to the head and Chip landed a light right to the jaw. They were mixing it at the bell and remained on even terms. Morgan again uncorked his right in the fourth, but did no damage, and Chip, after sending a right to the jaw, missed two fierce uppercuts.

Takes Count of Eight.

Then he swung his right to the jaw and Morgan went down, taking the count of eight. Chip tried to land another effective punch, but Morgan hung on and appeared to be worried as he went to his corner.

Jack came back strong in the fifth and both boxers were cautious. Chip played for the body and sent in a right and left. Morgan, too, used both hands to put over body punches and sent a right to Chip's head, taking a left in return. They were mixing it at the bell and honors were even.

Chip forced the fighting in the sixth, and after sending right and left to the body the Pittsburg boy sent a left to Morgan's eye. The round ended in a clinch with a shade in Chip's favor.

The seventh was Morgan's best round, and he used the good right he had been saving, while Chip contented himself with left jabs. Twice Morgan slipped over the right, and near the end of the round he rocked Chip's head with a right to the chin.

Morgan held his own in the eighth round, and Chip began to bore in in the ninth, but Morgan slowed him up with a right to the head, and the Indianapolis boxer had a shade in this round.

Chip Makes Fast Finish.

In the tenth Chip started with a rush and a succession of lefts to Morgan's jaw took the steam out of him. Morgan came back in the closing round with an apparent determination to put over his right, but he ran into Chip's right swing early in the session and went to the floor. He arose at the count of ten, but Referee Barry waved him to his corner, and the battle was over.

In the semi-windup Young Anderson of Indianapolis and Rube Wenners of Muncie boxed eight rounds to a draw. Wenners was much heavier than his opponent and his wrestling tactics made the bout tame and tiresome. He caught Anderson with a wild swing on the back of the head and sent him to his knees in the fourth round, but Anderson forced the fighting and landed the most clean blows. Four times Wenners threw Anderson to the floor and twice he struck him when he was down. However, it seemed to be a clumsy accident.

Larry Donovan and Kid Mitch put up a fast six-round bout as the second number on the bill, and Donovan had a shade on his stock opponent. Donovan was the more clever boxer and he landed the most clean blows, while Mitch seemed to be weary at the final tap of the gong.

Many out-of-town ring followers witnessed the bout. A special car from Logansport brough fifty-five spectators from Logansport, Kokomo and Tipton. Manager Richter of the Logansport Athletic Club had charge of the party.

HAYMAKERS IN GOTHAM.

Six Badly Battered Pugs Get Peace in Dreamland.

NEW YORK.—A bunch of badly battered "pugs" were reported as convalescent from an unusually severe set of bouts pulled off in this city last week. The "boxing exhibitions" resulted in six knockouts or near knockouts with George Cotton, whose claim to distinction rests on the fact that he was once the sparring partner of Jack Johnson, heading the list of victims. Cotton was put to sleep by Morris Harris, a Philadelphia Negro, in the seventh round. Cotton's defeat was wholly unexpected, as up to the time that Harris slipped over the finishing punch Cotton had all the better of the fight.

At the Clinton A. C. the referee stopped the bout between Johnny Daly, of the east side, and Johnny Kilbane, a westerner, in the fourth round, to save Kilbane from a knockout.

At the Longacre Club, Jimmy Mitchen finished Billy Collins in two rounds, and Andy Cortes punished Eddie Philips so badly in one minute of fighting that the referee came to the latter's rescue.

Ralph Rose was forced to quit in the eighth round of his fight with Jack Curley at the Metropolitan, and Joe Chester knocked out Terry Edwards in the second round.

REVIEWING THE SITUATION.

George Roberts Getting in Supreme Condition.

George Roberts, who created such a sensation in the East with the New York Black Sox, is now in condition, and will do a lot of light training to be in supreme condition to meet the St. Louis Giants at New Orleans, March 12 to 14. George administered defeat to the St. Louis Giants in his firstgame pitched for the New York Black Sox, and it was a crushing defeat—12 to 6—with a couple of doubles to his credit. George will remain in New Orleans until the season opens in the East. Manager Frank Polambo will try to keep George this season. When asked as to the probability of his playing with the home team, George said he would just as soon play with his old team as any other, should he be offered satisfactory inducements. Patton, the southpaw spit bill artist of Pensacola, may be seen with New Orleans the coming season. With such hitters as Roberts and Wiley, the New Orleans team will break up any infield, if the visitors don't keep a close eye.

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THE UNIONS—Dick Garrison, manager, 1006 Wylie avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.
FRENCH LICK PLUTOS—Elmer E. Pettis, manager, French Lick, Ind.
PENSACOLA GIANTS—Jas. Goldstucker, manager, Chase and Tarragona streets, Pensacola, Fla.
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CHICAGO UNION GIANTS—W. L. Peters, manager, 1411 Grand avenue, Chicago, Ill.
A. B. C.'s—Ran Butler, manager, Fifteenth street and Northwestern avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.
THE ATLANTA DEPPENS — A. B. Speer manager, 546 Decatur street, Atlanta, Ga.
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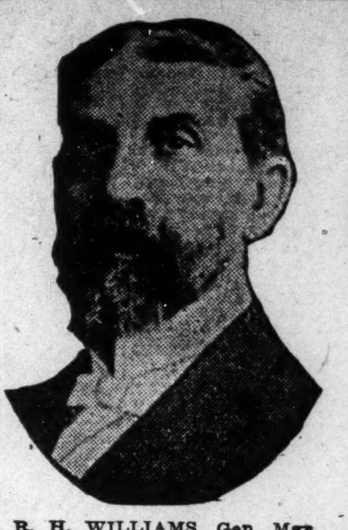

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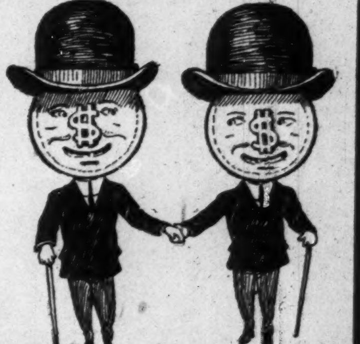

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

H. A. Brown is improving.

Mr. Will Pierce is quite sick.

Miss Nellie Goins is on the sick-list.

Mrs. Robert Harper is able to be out again.

Mrs. S. S. Haddex spent Sunday in Connersville.

Mrs. Cora Tucker, of Miley avenue, is ill at her home.

Mr. John Jackson, of Chicago, is in the city for a week.

Mrs. Minnie Wright, of Bowling Green, Ky., is in the city.

Mrs. Harry Jackson is confined to her home with la grippe.

Mr. Carey was buried from Allen Chapel Monday afternoon.

Mr. Len Haley, of Louisville, Ky., was visiting friends last week.

Mr. William Langford, of North Indianapolis, is on the sick list.

Mrs. Emma Clay left Monday for Hot Springs, Ark., for her health.

Miss Bertha Logan is rapidly improving, after several weeks' illness.

Mrs. Luella Walden has returned from a week's visit with friends in Ohio.

The Lotus Club will give a party at the Sumner League, Wednesday evening.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Lincoln Hospital held a meeting Tuesday afternoon.

All news must reach this office not later than Wednesday noon to insure insertion.

Mr. Harvey Redd, of Boston, Mass., will visit a few days in the city next week.

Miss Gertrude Ferris entertained the B. T. H. F. Whist Club Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Retta Abel, 420 West North street, was severely injured from a fall last week.

Mr. Theo. Britt, of Chicago, a noted singer, spent a few days in the city last week.

The St. Phillip's Church will give a whist party at the Dumas Club, Monday evening.

Miss Grace Berry ,of Chicago, passed through the city, en route to Louisville, Ky., Monday.

The Others Club gave a Valentine party at the residence of Mrs. Isora Brooks, Tuesday evening.

Mr. "Wick" Adams, well known in running horse circles, was in the city this week, from Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Howell has returned to her home in Frankfort, Ind., after a week's visit with her brother, K. D. Miller.

Miss Emelyne Collins, of West Tenth street, left Tuesday morning for Charleston, S. C., for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Sylvia Galloway was called to Jacksonville, Fla., by the death of her mother. She left Thursday morning.

Little Miss Floedna Finley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Finley, is much better, and able to be out again.

The funeral services of Mr. Finn were held Tuesday afternoon, after which the body was shipped to Kentucky for burial.

Mrs. Virginia Crusius left for her home in Olean, N. Y., Monday evening, having spent a week with Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Furnis.

Mrs. Armstrong, grandmother of Mrs. Gurley Brewer, and mother of Mrs. John McDonald, is suffering from a paralytic stroke.

Mrs. Clara Easton Pickens, of Chicago, is in the city on account of the illness of her father, who is suffering from a paralytic stroke.

The many friends of Mrs. A. H. Henderson are glad to know that she is improving, and hope she will soon be able to be out again.

Mrs. Frances Carpenter, Sixteenth street, entertained in honor of her guest, Mrs. Luella King, of Nashville, Tenn., Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Maggie Clark, of Camp street, gave a pretty Valentine party Tuesday afternoon for a number of children, in honor of her little niece.

Hereafter the communion services of the Second Baptist Church will be held the third Sunday, after evening preaching, instead of the afternoon.

Mr. Chas. Simms, father of Mr. Thomas W. Simms, died Tuesday night, at his residence, 4135 Cornelius avenue. Funeral from the house, 2 p. m. to-day.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church will hold the last of their series of prize whist parties Monday night, in the parlors of the Sumner League.

Mrs. Lewis Galey, of St. Paul, Minn., spent Sunday in the city with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Taylor, and left Monday for New Albany, for a week's stay with other relatives.

Remember, when you read The Freeman you get all the latest news of the colored race. Visit our news stand and buy a copy for five cents, or send in your subscription.

The Semper Fidelis Club will give a Colonial whist party at the Dumas Club, Thursday evening, February 23. Admission, 15 cents. Lunch will be served and prizes given. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mrs. Beatrice Lewis, in Roosevelt avenue, entertained, Thursday evening, at a five-course dinner, in honor of the birthday of her brother, J. C. Brown. Twelve invited guests participated in making the evening an enjoyable one.

Mrs. Louise Royall entertained the Frau Frau Club at a four-course dinner, Saturday afternoon. The first club prize was won by Mrs. Chas. Bird; second, Mrs. Harry Radcliffe, and the guest prize was won by Mrs. Isora Brooks.

Mrs. Harriet Craig, formerly of this city, now of Connersville, Ind., entertained at a six-course dinner, Sunday, in honor of Mrs. Samuel S. Haddex, of Indianapolis; Mr. William Simms, of Selma, S. C., and C. B. Young, of Cuba. Sixteen invited guests were present.

Mrs. Mary James entertained at a dainty four-course luncheon, Wednesday afternoon. The color scheme was carried out in green and white. A large round table was handsomely covered with Battenburg. Cards and music were the enjoyable features of the afternoon.

Mr. William C. Hodge, well known in this city, and the father of J. Walter Hodge, our leading real estate man, met with a serious accident Saturday night, being struck by a Shelby street car at the Virginia avenue viaduct. Mr. Hodge was taken to the City Hospital, where both feet and the small finger on his right hand were amputated. The Freeman and his many friends regret this accident very much.

Montgomery Lodge, No. 6, K. of P., held a love feast, Sunday, February 12, in the afternoon, at their Castle Hall, that was attended by about three hundred of the members. An interesting program, which consisted of musical numbers, vocal and instrumental, and addresses by various members, was rendered; a very appetizing collation was served, a jolly good time was had, and the occasion will be long remembered by those present.

Mrs. Ed Lindsey was hostess at a pretty Valentine party, Thursday of last week, in honor of the B. T. H. F. Whist Club. The decorations carried out the ideas of the day. The rooms were festooned in hearts and Cupids. The favors and score cards were red and heart-shaped, and the confections were in similar designs and colors. The first prize was won by Miss Lottie Harris; second, Mrs. Edward Bottom; booby, Mrs. Ethel Graves.

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The pastor was called to Mt. Sterling, Ky., to the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. D. A. Walker, wife of the presiding elder, Rev. D. A. Walker.

SIMPSON CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH

Rev. H. W. Tat e,D. D., Pastor, 616 West Tenth Street.

The grand rally which began last Sunday will be continued over to the 19th. The Rev. W. T. Hayes, who preached during the anniversary week, to the delight of all, left for Cincinnati Tuesday. The subjects for Sunday are: Morning, "The Grace of Confidence;" evening, "Putting of the Old Man."

The Valentine social at Mrs. P. A. Tate's, 616 West Tenth street, Monday evening, was a success, under the auspices of the W. H. M. Society.

The fourth quarterly meeting for the conference year will be held Sunday, the 26th. Rev. D. E. Skelton, D. S., will preach at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. J. L. Harvey, pastor of Allen Chapel, will preach at 3 p. m.

FLANNER GUILD.

The Ladies' Board of Managers held a benefit social at the Guild, Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Mrs. Cassie Jackson, of Peru, Ind., will spend a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Guthrie.

It is hoped that a large number of girls will attend the sewing classes each Saturday afternoon, 2 to 4 o'clock. There are no charges.

Mr. Douglas Carter is still improving.

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Samaritan Court, No. 37, met at Castle Hall Monday and held a reception in honor of Grand Worthy Counsellor Mrs. Sadie B. Dungey, and as a token of love and appreciation she was presented with a real cut-glass sugar bowl and cream pitcher, which was quite a surprise to her.

Rev. Burr, the noted evangelist, is conducting a very successful revival at Bethel A. M. E. Church.

The Church Aid of Allen Chapel met with Mrs. America Thomas, 1119 Massachusetts avenue, this week.

The Woman's Club will meet with Mrs. Cary Schooler, in West Indianapolis, Monday afternoon. The club will give a Colonial ball March 20.

The Topaz Cluster was entertained by Mrs. Elizabeth Gibbs, on Blake street, Monday afternoon.

The Young Girls' Club will meet with Miss Ellena Lewis, in Minerva street.

The Ladies' Alliance of Bethel Church met with Mrs. Lula Smoot, 721 California street, Tuesday afternoon.

The Kenedia Whist Club will meet with Mrs. Laura Davis, in California street, next Friday afternoon.

The Elizabeth Carter Council will meet Tuesday afternoon. All members are requested to be present. Business of importance.

The Gold Star Club will meet at the home of its president, Mrs. Sophia Butler, 1430 Mill street, Thursday afternoon.

The Beautifying Club held a business meeting at the Dumas Club, Wednesday afternoon.

The East End Needle Club met with Mrs. Laura Brooks, in Blake street, Friday afternoon.

The Woman's Improvement Club met with Mrs. Susan Harper Thursday afternoon.

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The Unity Civic Club—The Owls.

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We are glad indeed to note the return of Mr. C. H. Bell, the hoot supreme lecturer of the A. A. O. O. O., who has been on an extensive trip through the South in the interest of the A. A. O. O. O., making a special trip to Savannah, Ga., but was called home at once on account of the serious illness of his wife. We are glad to say at this writing that Mrs. Bell is much better. Mr. Nick Alston is also much better. We hope they will continue to improve....Miss Elva Bruce, who has been ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Abrams, is all right again....Mr. C. S. Holland has returned to his post at the Oliver Hotel, after a week's illness.... Mr. A. Birkley is on the sick list this week. We wish him a speedy recovery. ....Mrs. Cora B. Ash entertained a number of ladies at a theater party at the Orpheum last week....I am pleased to note that Mr. D. W. Lee will be the new professor at the Central Dancing Academy. The next instruction will be February 23....Mr. J. H. Hutchinson, efficient captain of the Morning Watch, was taken seriously ill last Friday evening, February 10. He was a little improved at this writing....Mr. A. F. Walton has returned to his home in Thomasville, Ga., to work in the interest of the Afro-American Order of Owls. We wish Hoot Walton all the good luck....The Unity Civic Club, newly organized to promote the best interests of the race and city at large, will meet every Sunday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock, at the Public Library, corner Wayne and Main streets. Officers elected are as follows: Mrs. Viola Findley, president; Miss Medora Powell, first vice president; Mrs. A. C. Manning, second vice president; C. H. Dishman, secretary; Miss Lucy Wright, assistant secretary; Mrs. Lola Grady, treasurer. Executive committee: Mrs. Viola Findley, E. S. Findley, C. Mathews, Mrs. Jessie D. Wade, Miss Cora B. Ash. Program committee: Mrs. D. D. Palmer, Mrs. Catherine Ashbrooke, Mrs. Anna C. Manning, Mrs. Isabella Roberts, Charles Owens, Jr.

YOUNGSTOWN, O.

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Miss Cora Jacobs, of Steubenville, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams for two weeks....Lakmen & Smith have opened a cafe at 241 East Boardman street....Mrs. Charles Jackson is on the sick list....A Personal Work League has been organized at the Oak Hill Avenue Church, as a result of the revival services at the church. Mr. H. L. Davis, of the Y. M. C. A. Personal Worker League, took a leading part in the movement. The officers of the league are: Mr. Robert Price, president; George Woods, vice president; Paris Hall, secretary and treasurer. There will be a men's meeting Sunday afternoon, February 19, at 2:30 p. m. All men are invited to attend....Archie Thomas, Mrs. C. W. Scott of West avenue, Mrs. Charles Jackson of Myrtle avenue and Mrs. Anna Hicks of Covington street, are on the sick list.... The committees in charge of the Buckeye Lodge of Elks banquet, Wednesday evening, March 8, have reported all arrangements are about completed, and that J. Frank Wheaton, of New York City, grand exalted ruler, will attend, together with some other grand lodge officers, and a number of new features will be seen.... C. W. Scott, who fell and hurt himself two weeks ago, is able to be at work.... Chris. Hamilton, who fell and injured his back Wednesday, is able to walk around the house....Mrs. A. H. Berry was the guest of friends in Newcastle last week. ....Mrs. P. A. Johnson entertained a number of her friends at dinner in honor of her husband. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Remus Duff, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phelps, Mr and Mrs. C. Boss, Miss Ella Johnson, Miss Sallie Clark and Frank Johnson....W. H. Johnson, of Hogue street, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is improving....Mr. and Mrs. Julius Robert have been very ill, but are better at this writing, which will be good news to their many friends in this city.

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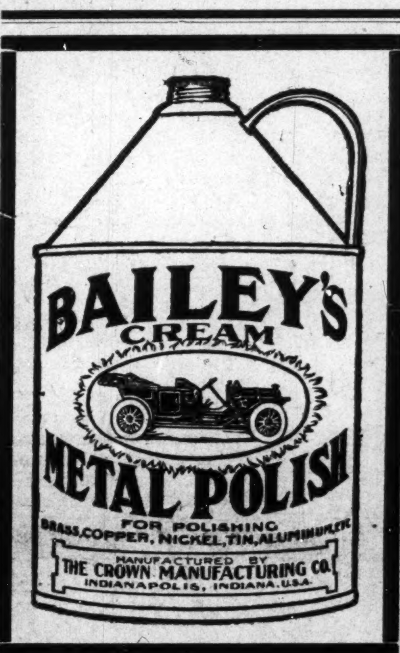

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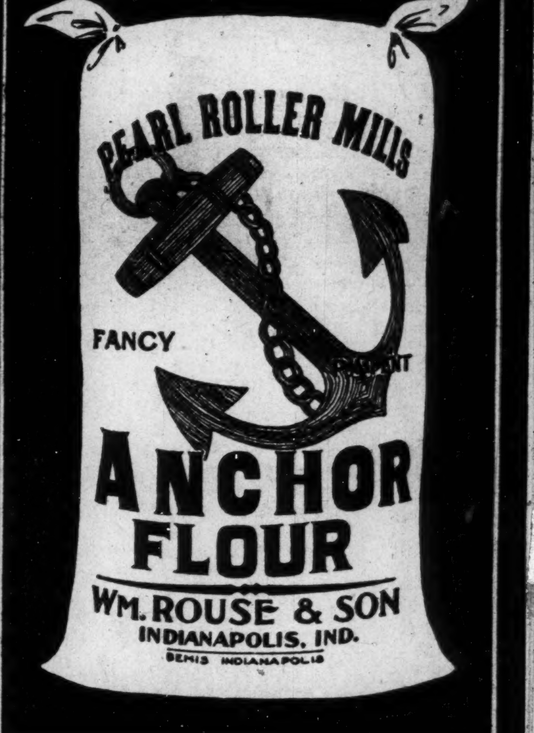

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